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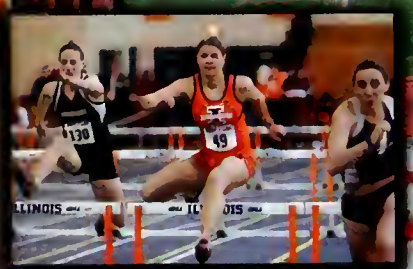

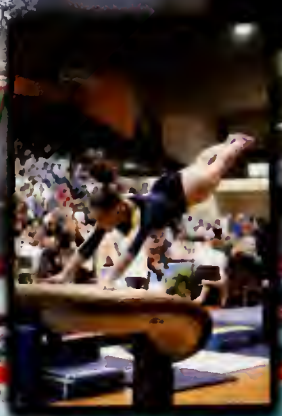

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Illinois Quick Facts

Location .....Urbana-Champaign, Ill.
Founded 1867
Enrollment 38,253
Nickname .....Fighting Illini
Colors .....Orange and Blue
President .....James J. Stukel
Chancellor .....Nancy Cantor
Director of Athletics .....Ron Guenther
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.....Elizabeth Kampfe
Conference .....Big Ten
Facility .....U of I Arboretum

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On the cover

Jason Bill became the first Fighting Illini freshman to compete in the NCAA Championships since Craig Virgin in 1973.

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Team Quick Facts

Big Ten Championships: Eighth
Top Individual: Jason Bill (21st)
Midwest Regional Championships: Third
Top Individual: Jason Bill (Seventh)

2002 Midwest Regional Finish .....
3rd
Letterwinners Returning/Lost .....
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Fighting Illini Cross Country

	Height	Weight	Class	Elg.	Hometown / High School
Jason Bill*	5-11	125	So.	So.	Buda, Ill./Bureau Valley
Richard Calvario	5-9	130	Jr.	Jr.	Bloomingdale, Ill./Glenbard East
Kacey Carr	5-6	123	Fr.	Fr.	Bloomington, IL/Tri-Valley
Kristopher Cunningham*	5-11	155	Jr.	Jr.	Pekin, Ill./Peoria-Notre Dame
Kyle Emkes	6-2	165	Jr.	R-Fr.	Mahomet/Mahomet-Seymour
Tim Hobbs*	6-3	175	Jr.	So.	Elmhurst, Ill./York
Jon Houseworth*	5-10	130	So.	So.	Carlock, Ill./Eureka
Michael Kelley	6-1	155	Fr.	Fr.	Rockford, IL/Winnebago
Tim Kelly	5-10	150	Fr.	Fr.	Orland Park, IL/Carl Sandburg
Jimmy Kinn	6-0	175	So.	Fr.	Glen Ellyn, Ill./Glenbard West
Kevin Kuhlman	5-11	155	So.	R-Fr.	Glen Ellyn/Glenbard South
Tim Moran	5-8	125	Sr.	Sr.	Tinley Park/Victor J. Andrew
Ed Murray	6-2	170	Fr.	Fr.	Arlington Heights, Ill./Prospect
Adam Palumbo***	5-11	145	Sr.	Sr.	Bensenville, Ill./Elmhurst York
Brent Pfeiffer***	5-7	130	Sr.	Sr.	Naperville, Ill./Naperville North
Peter Stasiulis	5-8	140	Jr.	Jr.	Elmhurst, Ill./York
Dan Stock	5-10	145	Fr.	Fr.	Arlington Heights, Ill./Prospect
Eric Tietz	5-10	145	Fr.	Fr.	Decatur/Eisenhower

Head Coach: Paul Pilkington, 1st Season
** Denotes the number of varsity letters*

Pronunciation Guide

Emkes ..... .M-kess
Calvario ..... .cal-VAR-eo
Kuhlman ..... .KOOL-man
Palumbo ..... .pa-LUM-bo
Pfeiffer ..... .FI-fer
Stasiulis ..... .STASH-ule-EUS
Tietz ..... .TEE-ts

Seniors
Tim Moran
Adam Palumbo
Brent Pfeiffer

Juniors
Richard Calvario
Kristopher Cunningham
Kyle Emkes
Peter Stasiulis

Sophomores
Jason Bill
Tim Hobbs
Jon Houseworth
Kevin Kuhlman

Freshmen
Kacey Carr
Michael Kelley
Tim Kelly
Jimmy Kinn
Ed Murray
Dan Stock
Eric Tietz

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Information

A new era of Illinois cross country is on the horizon as for the first time in 36 years, Gary Wieneke will not be the head coach. Instead, the reins of the program have been turned over to Paul Pilkington.

Pilkington comes to Illinois after serving as an assistant track and field coach at his alma mater, Weber State. In his two seasons as the men's 5,000 and 10,000 meter coach and female distance and hurdler coach, Pilkington produced three NCAA qualifiers, ten regional qualifiers and 34 all-conference selections. In addition, he led the Wildcats to indoor and outdoor track championships in 2002 and in 2001 and 2002, Weber State's cross country team placed second in the Big Sky conference.

An accomplished ruunner, Pilkington won the 1994 USA Track and Field marathon national championship as well as the Los Angeles marathon. In 1995, Pilkington earned a spot on the U.S. World Championships team.

Pilkington inherits a team with a strong blend of youth and experience. Six letterwinners are returning from last season's squad which finsihed third out of 24 teams at the regional meet, the strongest showing by an Illini squad in 16 years. Leading the way is sophomore Jason Bill who is coming off a season in which he qualified for the individual NCAA championship.

From the first day he stepped on campus, Bill showed why the future of Illinois cross country was in good hands. As a true freshman, Bill earned four top-10 individual finishes and was an All-Midwest Region pick after finishing seventh at the Regional Championships. That performance earned the rookie a berth to the NCAA Championships as an at-large selection, the first Illini freshman to do so since Craig Virgin 29 years earlier.

While Bill appears to have a tight reign on the top spot, the Illini will look for depth and consistency at the next four scoring postions.

Seniors Adam Palumbo and Brent Pfeiffer should fill that role this season. Palumbo competed five times for the Illini in 2002 finishing fourth on two ocassions including the NCAA Midwest Regional where he finished 42nd overall with a career-best 10,000 meter time of 31:06.11.

Palumbo returns in the best shape in his career after a rigorous summer of training.

Pfeiffer returns to the lineup after redshirting the 2002 season because of an injury. As a junior, Pfeiffer competed in six races and scored for the Illini in two outings including the Big Ten Championships.

Pilkington will be counting on returnees Kris Cunningham and Jon Houseworth to team with Palumbo and Bill to solidify the top of Illinois' lineup. Each runner has shown marked improvement, with Houseworth using the track sesason tohelp build his stamina.

After finishing second on the team to senior John Kronforst through the season's first-four meets, Bill took over as the team's top performer at the NCAA Pre-National Meet where he earned a top 50 individual finish. At the Big Ten Championships Bill ran an 8,000 meter personal best of 24:48.2 to lead the team to an eighth place finish.

Bill followed that performance with a seventh place finish at regionals, which led Illinois' third place team finish. In his final performance of the season, Bill had the opportunity to run at the NCAA individual championship.

The Illini have a strong group of incoming freshman who will be expected to step up and contribute immediately.

Pilkington is looking for one or two freshman to place in the team's top seven. Expected to compete for those spots are Mike Kelley, Eric Tietz, Kacey Carr, Ed Murray and Tim Kelly.

For the first time in 36 seasons the Illinois men's cross country program will have a new coach at the helm as Paul Pilkington prepares for his first season as them men's cross country head coach.

With the talented stable of runners Pilkington has, the Illini are looking to continue their upward climb in the Big Ten.

Illini head coach Paul Pilkington will look to veterans Kris Cunningham, Adam Palumbo, Jon Houseworth and Jason Bill to lead his young squad.

Paul Pilkington — Men's Cross Country Coach

Paul Pilkington comes to the Illini after serving two seasons as an assistant track and field coach at Weber State University. At Weber State, he coached the male 5,000 and 10,000-meter runners, all female distance runners, and female hurdlers. In 2003 he coached ten regional qualifiers and 3 NCAA national qualifiers. In addition, he boasts 34 all-conference selections in his two seasons.

At Weber State, Pilkington led the Wildcats to the 2002 Big Sky conference title in men's and women's indoor and outdoor track. In 2003, the women's team repeated as indoor champions. Under his direction, Weber State's cross country team placed second in the Big Sky in 2001 and 2002.

From 1988 until now, Pilkington has served as a personal cross country coach in Roy, Utah where he coached five female U.S. Olympic Trials qualifiers, three Foot Locker cross country national finalists and over twenty Utah high school champions, six state record holders and two high school All-Americans.

As a runner, Pilkington has had a very successful career. In 1994 he won the USA Track and Field marathon national championship as well as the Los Angeles marathon. In 1995 he was a member of the U.S. World Championships team, while in 1992, Pilkington was the USA Track and Field 20-kilometer national champion. He was also a four-time Olympic Trials qualifier in 1988, 1992, 1996 and 2000.

A 1981 graduate of Weber State, Pilkington earned U.S. Track and Field Federation All-American status in the steeplechase. In 1987, he was recognized as a NJCAA All-American in the steeplechase while at the College of Southern Idaho. In 1992, he graduated from Utah State with a master's degree in instructional design.

He and his wife Darby have 3 children, Jake (22), Seth (20) and Erin, (17).

Angel on Pilkington

"I'm very excited and honored to have Paul as a member of my staff. Paul is a man of high integrity and his work ethic is second to none. He has established himself as an outstanding coach and recruiter and his experience at the high school level, Division I level and international level make him well suited for this position. He will do an outstanding job for the University of Illinois."

Wayne Angel — Head Men's Track and Field Coach

Wayne Angel comes to Illinois after a one-year stint at the University of Iowa where he was the head women's cross country coach and assistant track and field coach for the Hawkeyes.

During his brief stint in Iowa City, Iowa, Angel helped guide the Iowa women's track and field team to a sixth-place finish at the Big Ten Outdoor Championships, the school's highest finish in nine years.

Angel received his B.A. in physical education from the University of Illinois in 1982 while enjoying a successful track and field career. A two-time Big Ten Champion as a member of the 4x400 meter relay, Angel ended his one year Illinois career as the school-record holder in the 400 meter intermediate hurdles with a time of 50.56 seconds and currently ranks fourth on the school's all-time list in the event.

A tri-captain for the Illini in 1981, Angel won his first Big Ten title at the 1981 Big Ten Indoor Championships in the 4x400 meter relay with a time of 3:12.7 before claiming the same title outdoors with a time of 3:08.1. Angel also finished fourth for the Illini at the Big Ten Indoor Championships in the 500 meters and fourth in the 400 meter intermediate hurdles outdoors.

Angel is a former Army Airborne Ranger, and a distinguished honor graduate of the Army's Air Assault School. A two-time USTAFF and Junior College All-American, Angel was inducted into the Rantoul High School (IL) Hall of Fame in 1985.

Jason Bill

Sophomore
Buda, Ill.
Bureau Valley

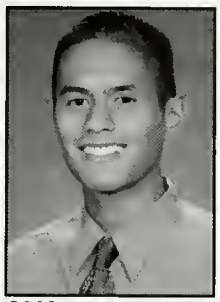
2002: Immediately stepped in and became Illinois' top runner by seasons end ... Earned an at-large bid to the NCAA Championships, becoming the first Illinois runner to compete at the NCAA Championships since 1995 and the first Illinois freshman to compete as an individual at the NCAA Championships since Craig Virgin in 1973 ... Finished 155th overall ... Had three top-10 finished during the season ... Was an All-Midwest Regional honoree with a seventh-place finish at the regional championship ... Finished a season-best second at the Illinois Invitational ... Season best 8,000 meter time of 24:48.2 came at the Big Ten Championships where he led Illinois and finished 21st overall ... Finished the season at the U.S. Cross Country Junior Nationals where he finished eighth and was named an alternate to the U.S. Junior National team.

High School
Illinois Class A State Champion in the 1,600m as a senior ... Recorded a season-best 1,600m time of 4:14.00 ... Finished fourth in the same race as a junior ... Finished second at the Class A cross country championships as a senior, running a three-mile time of 14:47 to finish just behind future Illini teammate Paul Jellema ... Finished 10th at the state cross country meet as a junior with a time of 15:16 ... Also brought in a personal-best time of 9:16.6 in the 3,200m.

Personal
Son of Gary and Phyllis Bill ... Born Jan. 11, 1984 ... Brother Randy runs track and cross country at Augustana College ... Majoring in Biology/Pre-Med.

Personal Bests

8,000 meters:	24:48.2	11/25/02
10,000 meters:	30:15.55	11/16/02



Rich Calvario

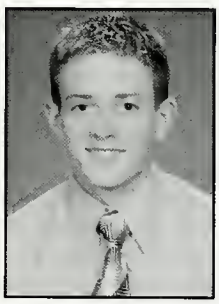
Junior
Bloomingdale, Ill.
Glenbard East

2002:
Ran a season-best time of 27:06.25 at the Illinois State Pre-Regional Meet

2001:
Ran an 8K career-best of 26:00 at the Illinois Invitational

High School
Named All DuPage Valley Conference in 1999 and 2000...Holds the freshman 3200m record for Glenbard East High...Awarded four varsity letters in cross country and track and field

Personal
Full name is Richard Andre Abundo Calvario...Born November 29, 1982...Son of Ricardo and Marilou...Majoring in advertising...Favorite athlete is Ethiopian runner Haile Gebrselassie because of his versatility and dominance over the past decade ...Has two sisters ...High school coach was Jack Brady

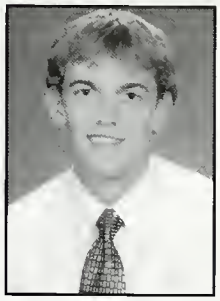


Kacey Carr

Freshman
Bloomington, Ill.
Tri-Valley

High School
Won the state cross country championship ...Earned four letters in cross country and three in track ...Coach was Todd Schnieder ...Competed in the Tri-Valley conference ... Scholar-athlete all four years

Personal
Full given name is Kacey Ray Carr ...Born 2/18/85 in Bedford, Texas ...Parents are Kevin and Marla Carr ...Has one brother ...Majoring in kinesiology ...Hobbies include swimming and biking ...Father has most influenced his athletic career ... Winning state was his biggest thrill in sports ...Favorite athlete is Jim Ryun because he is a great runner and he is humble



Kris Cunning-ham

Junior
Pekin, Ill.
Peoria-Notre Dame

2001:
Participated in each of the Fighting Illini's seven meets ...Twice was Illinois' fifth scorer, coming in at 26:35 at the Great American Invitational, while helping the Illini to a ninth place finish at the Illinois Invitational after running an 8k career-best time of 25:25.44 ...Established a career-best 10K time at the NCAA Midwest Regional with a time of 31:35.86

High School
Mid State Six cross country conference champion senior year ...All-region and all-section senior season ...Earned four letters in cross country and two in track ...Qualified for state twice in cross country and once in track ...Coached by Mike Sullivan and Dan Ryan

Personal
Full given name is Kristopher Todd Cunningham ...Son of David and Tamara Cunningham ...Born 4/5/83 ...Has one brother and two sisters ...Majoring in molecular and cellular biology ...Has twice achieved Deans List honors ...Favorite athlete is Michael Jordan ...Plans to attend medical school upon graduation ...Hobbies include running, basketball, hiking and snow skiing

Personal Bests

8,000 meters:	25:25.44	10/5/02
10,000 meters:	31:35.86	11/16/02

Kyle Emkes

R-Freshman
Mahomet, Ill.
Mahomet-Seymour

2002: Sat out with bronchitis and asthma

2001: Redshirted the 2001 cross country season

2000: Competed for the Illini at the Illinois Invitational

High School
Was the Corn Belt cross country conference champion in 2000 ...Mahomet-Seymour Most Valuable Runner in 2000 ...Finished 52nd at the 2000 Illinois State cross country meet ...Earned four letters in cross country and four in track ...Two-time conference champ in the 3200m ...High school coach was John King

Personal
Full given name is Kyle John Emkes ...Parents are Douglas and Margaret Emkes ...Born 8/15/82 ...Has two sisters ...Majoring in Sports Management/Pre-Law ...Grandparents and parents have been most influential in his athletic career ...Favorite athlete is Andy Katzenmoyer ...Has dreamed of being an Illini since he was a child ...Active in St. John's Catholic Chapel and the Pre-Law Club ...Plans on attending law school

Tim Hobbs

Sophomore
Elmhurst, Ill.
York

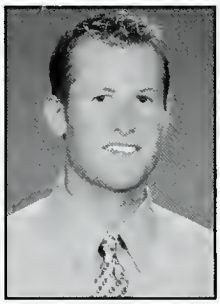
2002: Competed in three meets before a foot injury forced him out of the lineup ... Finished fifth for the Illini at the Roy Griak Invitational in a season-best 8,000 meter time of 26:05.9 ... Finished a career best 21st at the Illinois State Pre-Regional.

2001: Redshirted the cross country season.

High School
State champion in the 800m in 2000 and 2001...Contributed to the Illinois state champion track team at Elmhurst York High in 2000...Placed second in the state in the 1600-meter run in 2001

Personal
Full given name is Timothy Martin Hobbs ... Son of Martin and Marjory Hobbs ... Born June 11, 1983 ... Has one brother ... Majoring in English ... Biggest thrill in sports is setting national records and winning state championships

Personal Bests
8,000 meters: 26:05.9 9/28/02



Jon Housew-orth

Sophomore
Carlock,Ill.
Eureka

2002:
Was a key contributor as a freshman ... Was hindered by a shin injury throughout the second half for the season ... Opened the season with three top-11 overall finishes ... Back-to-back 10th-place finishes came at the Great American Invitational and Illinois State Pre-Regional Invitational ... Finished 11th at the Illinois Invitational with a season-best 8,000 meter time of 25:35.94 ... Also competed at the Big Ten Championships.

High School
Three-time All-State selection in cross country and track ...All-conference all four years ...Finished 19th in state cross country in 1999, 6th in 2000 and 8th in 2001 ...Led team to state cross country championship all four seasons ...Earned four letter in cross country, four in track and two in basketball ...High school coach was Brett Charleton

Personal
Full given name is Jon Douglas Houseworth ...Born 10/4/83 in Lawrence, Kansas ...Majoring in biology ...Son of Steve and Patty Houseworth ...Both parents ran track and cross country, mom at Southern Illinois and dad at Westmont University ...Has one brother

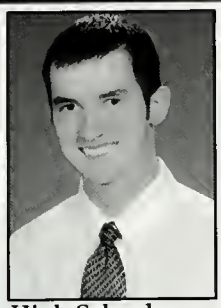
Personal Bests
8,000 meters: 25:35.94 10/5/02

Michael Kelley

Freshman
Rockford, Ill.
Winnebago

High School
Cross country state runner-up in 2002...State champion in the 1600m run in 2003...Named All-State four years...Contributed to state champion cross country team in 2002...Won four letters in cross country and track, and two in basketball while attending Winnebago High

Personal
Full given name is Michael Lynch Kelley...Son of Ken and Christine Kelley...Born July 15, 1984...Brother Brian runs cross country and track for Wisconsin-Oshkosh...Favorite athlete is Muhammad Ali because he was a winner and was entertaining...Graduated eighth in his high school class and held a perfect 4.0 GPA his last five semesters...Growing up, had Kiwane Garris as an Illini hero



Tim Kelly

Freshman
Orland Park, Ill.
Sandburg

High School
Was an All-State miler his senior season ...All-sectional senior season ...Sectional mile champion senior year ...All conference junior and senior years ...All-region three years ...Qualified for the state cross country meet sophomore through senior seasons ...Earned three letters in cross country and three in track ...Qualified for state in the 4X800 as a junior

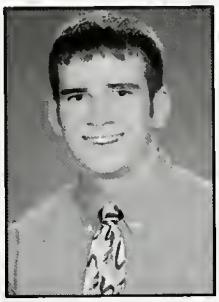
Personal
Full given name is Timothy Michael Kelly ...Nickname is TK ...Parents are Thomas and MaryAnn Kelly ...Born 10/25/84 ...Has one sister ...Biggest thrill in sports was qualifying for the state finals in the mile ...Majoring in engineering ...Favorite athlete is Lance Armstrong because of his determination ...Enjoys playing the guitar ... Ron Zinn award recipient ...Earned high honors every year in high school

Jimmy Kinn

Freshman
Glen Ellyn, Ill.
Glenbard West

High School
Recorded the seventh-best time in the nation among state meet times in 2002 with a 1:51 in the 800m...Named All West Suburban Conference in the 800m, 400m and the 1600m relay in 2002...Named All-State in the 800m and 1600m relay in 2002...Earned three letters in soccer and one in track and field...Coached by Hank Haake

Personal
Full given name is James Michael Kinn...Nicknamed The Bull...Born September 10, 1983...Parents are Michael and Judy Kinn...Biggest thrill in sports was being a member of the 3200m relay that won second at the Florida Relays and third at Texas and Drake Relays...Won the George Huff Award in 2003...Member of the National Society of College Scholars

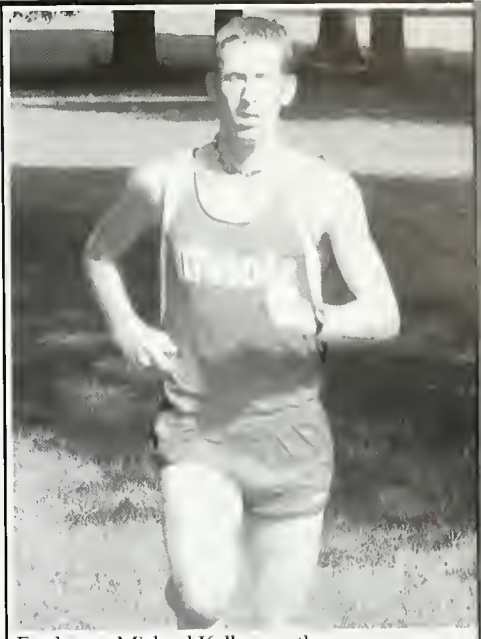


Kevin Kuhlman

R-Freshman
Glen Ellyn, Ill.
Glenbard South

High School
All-State and all-sectional selection in 2001 ...Finished 23rd in state in 2001 ... Was all-regional and all conference in 2000-2001 ...Helped team to 2001 IHSA AA team State Championship crown ...Earned six varsity letters, one in soccer, two in cross country and three in track ... Ran in the Suburban Prairie Red conference ...High school coach was Andy Preuss ...Graduated in the top ten percent of his class

Personal
Full given name is Kevin Joseph Kuhlman ...Born 2/9/84 in Minneapolis, MN ...Parents are Thomas and Judith Kuhlman ...Has one brother, Daniel, 14 and one sister, Colleen, 22 ...Enjoys frisbee and hanging out with friends ...Member of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity ...Intends to go to law school upon graduation ...Biggest sports thrill is winning the 2001 IHSA AA team State Championship crown ...Favorite athlete is Steve Prefontaine because of his incredible will and hard work ...Used to work at a golf course driving a tractor on the driving range ...Member of the National Honor Society ...Lists parents and Andy Preuss as being most influential in his athletic career.



Freshman Michael Kelly was the runner-up in the 2002 Illinois High School Cross Country meet.

Tim Moran

Senior
Tinley Park, Ill.
Andrew

2001:
Competed in five races for the Fighting Illini ...Was Illinois' second scorer at the Roy Griak Invitational ...Finished as the Illini's third scorer at the Big Ten Championships , running an 8K career-best of 25:23.3 ...Finished 31st at the Purdue Meet of Champions ...Posted a 10K career-best of 32:50.1 at the Midwest Regional

High School
Qualified for the state cross country meet four times...Named All SICA West cross country 1995-1998...Named All-sectional cross country 1996-1998...Named All SICA West track and field 1996-1999...Won four cross country letters and three track and field letters while at Victor J. Andrew High

Personal
Full given name is Timothy Patrick Moran...Son of James and Kathryn

Moran…Born December 19, 1980…Majoring in kinesiology…Favorite athlete is international soccer star David Beckham…Worked as a concierge at the Wilderness Lodge Resort in Walt Disney World during the summer of 2002

Personal Bests

8,000 meters:	25:23.3	10/5/02
10,000 meters:	32:50.1	11/16/02

Ed Murray

Freshman
Arlington Heights, Ill.
Prospect

High School

Three-time all-conference selection in track and cross country ... Placed 30th in the Illinois High School Association Class AA cross country meet in 2002, while his team finished fourth ... Earned four letters in cross country, four in track and one in basketball ... Teammate of current Illini Dan Stock ... Coach was Mike Stokes ... Best three-mile time is 15:14

Personal

Full given name is Edward James Murray III ... Son of Ed Murray Jr. ... Born Jan. 23, 1985 … Has one brother, Mike and one sister, Megan ... Father, Ed Jr. played football at Illinois and grandfather Ed Sr. played basketball and competed in track and field at Loyola University ... Lists his father as being most influential in his athletic career ... Was on the honor roll each semester in high school ... Graduated with honors ... Member of the National Honor Society

Adam Palumbo

Senior
Bensonville, Ill.
York

2002:

Ran in five meets for the Illini …Came on strong at the end of the season, scoring fourth twice and fifth once …Established a new career-best in the 10K while helping the Illini to a third place finish at regionals …Was the Illini's fifth scorer at the Big Ten Championship

2001:

Ran in all six meets for the Illini ... Scored in every meet for Illinois ... Opened the year with a 10th-place finish at the Purdue Meet of Champions ... Had three top-three team finishes ... Ran a personal-best 8,000m time of 25:23.7 at the Big Ten Championships ... Established a personal-best 10K time of 32:05 at the Arkansas Chile Pepper Invitational where he finished third on the team.

2000: Participated in the first-three events of the season for Illinois, finishing a career-best 11th at the Illinois Invitational ... Ran a personal-best 25:31.88 at the Invite ... Finished fifth among Illini runners at the Murray Keating Meet of Champions with a time of 27:07.50 …Enjoyed a strong second half of the season ... Was the team's fourth scorer on two occasions and the fifth scorer at the Big Ten Championships ... Finished a season-best 13th at the Illinois Invitational ... Fastest 8,000 meter time (25:39.3) came at the Big Ten Championships.

Personal

Full given name is Adam Palumbo …Nicknames are Roadblock, Big Paulie and P-Diddy …Majoring in Speech Communication …Has one brother and two sisters …Brother ran track in college …Favorite athlete is Andre Dawson

Personal Bests

8,000 meters:	25:23.7	9/28/01
10,000 meters:	31:06.11	11/16/02

Senior Brent Pfeiffer returns to the Fighitng Illini after a one year absence. In 2001, Pfeiffer ran an 8K personal best of 25:25.6 at the Big Ten Championships.

Brent Pfeiffer

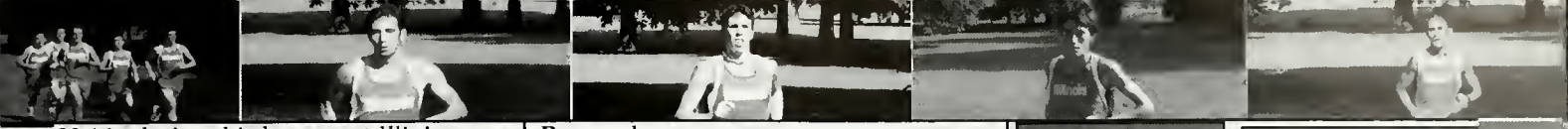
Senior
Naperville, Ill.
Naperville North

2001:

Ran in all six meets finishing a season-best 20th at the Purdue Meet of Champions ... Ran a personal-best 8K time of 25:25.6 at the Big Ten Championships ... Had a pair of fifth-place scoring finishes for the Illini.

2000:

Made four starts for the Illini, running a season-best 26:01 at the Big Ten Championship ... Set a personal-best time in the 10K at the NCAA Midwest Regional with a time of



32:16, placing third amongst Illini runners.

1999:
Raced in three meets for the Illini ... Personal-best 8K time of 25:51.50 came at the Pre-Regional meet ... Top overall finish was 16th place at the Pre-Regional.

High School
Finished 13th at the 1998 State Cross Country Championships in Class AA ... Earned six letters: three each in track and cross country ... Two-time all-conference honors in the DuPage Valley Conference ... Recorded 5th best mile time in the state of Illinois (4:20.5) in 1999.

Personal
Full given name is Brent Pfeiffer ...Majoring in history ...Has two brothers and one sister ...Lists winning the 3000m indoors in 2001 at the home track meet as his biggest thrill in sports ...Lists parents as most influential in his athletic career ...Previous summer jobs include painter and mover

Personal Bests

8,000 meters:	25:25.6	10/28/01
10,000 meters:	32:16	11/20/00

Peter **Stasulius**
Junior
Bensonville, Ill.
York

High School
Was a member of the national-record setting 4x800m relay team that ran a record time of 7:34.18 ... Was also a member of the 4x800m relay team that set the national record indoor record, with a time of 7:42 ... Was twice named to the all-state teams in both track and cross country ... Finished 10th at the state cross country meet as a senior and 10th as a junior ... Led York High to state cross country titles during his junior and senior seasons ... Won the state title in the 3200m relay as a junior.

Personal
Son of Mark and Donna Stasiulis ... Lists anchoring the two mile relay to a state championship in 2000 as his biggest sports thrill ... Says David Beckham is his favorite athlete ... Has one brother and one sister ... Hobbies include eating, cooking and listening to music ...Lists high school coach Joe Newton as the most influential person in his athletic career ...Has caddied for five years ...Nickname is Stash ...Born 3/24/83 ...Majoring in marketing

Dan **Stock**
Freshman
Arlington Heights, Ill.
Prospect

High School
Voted All-State and All-Conference his senior year and All-Conference his sophomore year ... Placed 22nd in the Illinois High School Association Class AA cross country meet in 2002 while his team placed fourth ... Won the Senior Knightship award ... Earned three letters in cross country and four in track ... Teammate of current Illini Ed Murray ... Coach was Mike Stokes ... Best three-mile time is 15:01

Personal
Full given name is Daniel Robert Stock ... Son of David and Diane Stock ... Born Feb. 21, 1985 ... Has one sister, Jessica ... Majoring in Business ... Biggest thrill in sports is qualifying for the state cross country meet and finishing fourth place as a team in 2002 ... Favorite athlete is Billy Mills because through self belief he accomplished what everyone else thought was impossible ... Was on the honor roll each semester in high school ... An Illinois State Scholar ... Member of the National Honor Society

Eric **Tietz**
Freshman
Decatur, Ill.
Eisenhower

High School
Placed 16th overall at the state cross country meet...Won four letters in cross country and track and field at Decatur Eisenhower High...Coached by Greg Collingwood

Personal
Full given name is Eric Joseph Tietz...Son of Christopher and Elizabeth Tietz...Born July 17, 1985...Biggest thrill in sports was running a 19:43 at the Peoria Central Invite

Freshman Eric Tietz is expected to contribute in the Illini's line-up.

2002 RETURNING INDIVIDUAL MEET RESULTS

JASON BILL

Meet (Date)	Finish	Distance	Time
NCAA Championships (11/25/02)	155th	10K	31:37
NCAA Midwest Regional (11/16/02)	7th	10K	30:15
Big Ten Championship (11/03/02)	21st	8K	24:48
Pre-National Meet (10/19/02)	50th	8K	24:56
Illinois Invitational (10/05/02)	2nd	8K	24:50
Roy Griak Invitational (9/28/02)	36th	8K	24:57
Illinois State Pre-Regional (9/14/02)	4th	8K	26:18
Great American Invitational (9/7/02)	3rd	8K	25:13

RICHARD CALVARIO

Meet (Date)	Finish	Distance	Time
Illinois State Pre-Regional (9/14/02)	20th	8K	27:06

KRIS CUNNINGHAM

Meet (Date)	Finish	Distance	Time
NCAA Midwest Regional (11/16/02)	63rd	10K	31:35
Big Ten Championship (11/03/02)	73rd	8K	26:04
Pre-National Meet (10/19/02)	195th	8K	26:23
Illinois Invitational (10/05/02)	9th	8K	25:25
Roy Griak Invitational (9/28/02)	155th	8K	26:29
Illinois State Pre-Regional (9/14/02)	15th	8K	26:51
Great American Invitational (9/7/02)	18th	8K	26:35

TIM HOBBS

Meet (Date)	Finish	Distance	Time
Roy Griak Invitational (9/28/02)	138th	8K	26:05
Illinois State Pre-Regional (9/14/02)	21st	8K	27:11
Great American Invitational (9/7/02)	28th	8K	27:16

JON HOUSEWORTH

Meet (Date)	Finish	Distance	Time
Big Ten Championship (11/03/02)	85th	8K	27:07
Illinois Invitational (10/05/02)	11th	8K	25:35
Illinois State Pre-Regional (9/14/02)	10th	8K	26:33
Great American Invitational (9/7/02)	10th	8K	25:59

ADAM PALUMBO

Meet (Date)	Finish	Distance	Time
NCAA Midwest Regional (11/16/02)	42nd	10K	31:06
Big Ten Championship (11/03/02)	60th	8K	25:39
Pre-National Meet (10/19/02)	140th	8K	25:45
Illinois Invitational (10/05/02)	13th	8K	25:52
Roy Griak Invitational (9/28/02)	151st	8K	26:21

Sophomore Jon Houseworth was Illinois' fourth scorer at the Great American Invitational.

2002 IN REVIEW

Illinois' cross country team used a strong blend of youth and experience to close coach Gary Wieneke's career on a high note. As a team, the Illini had four top-five finishes, including two victories, and a top-ten finish.

The season began with a second place showing at the Great American Invitational. In the race, the Fighting Illini were paced by senior John Kronforst and freshman Jason Bill. Kronfrost finished second and Bill came in third. The race proved to be a preview for the Illlini's season, as the duo finished either first or second for the team in every meet for the year.

In their second meet of the season, the Illinois State Pre-Regional Meet, the Illini topped the seven team field by placing all five of their scorer's in the top eight.

After a 16th place showing at the Roy Griak Invitational, the Fighting Illini placed first at the Illinois Invitational as Kronforst and Bill came in first and second respectively. In the final tune-up before the Big Ten Championship, the Pre-National Meet, Bill became the first Illini other than Kronforst to lead the team.

At the Big Ten Championships, the Fighting Illini finished eighth, for their best showing since an eighth place finish in 1999. Career best performances were turned in by Bill (24:48.2) and classmate Paul Jellema (25:26.6), the first and fourth scorer's for the Illini.

In the NCAA Midwest Regional Championship, the Illini runners turned in the school's top regional finish in 16 years, finishing third at the 24-team championship. Bill had a record-setting performance, earning All-Midwest Regional honors with a seventh-place finish in a time of 30:15.55. It was Illinois' best individual finish at regionals since 1996 and was just nine seconds from being one of the top-10 10,000 meter performances in school history.

Kronforst earned all-region honors as well, following his 12th place finish. In doing so, he became the first Illini runner to earn back-to-back all-region honors since Scott McClennan in 1997-99.

With his finish, Bill became the first Illini individual to qualify for the NCAA Championships since 1996. He was also the first Illinois freshman to qualify for the NCAA meet since 1973 when Craig Virgin qualified and finished third.

In addition to Bill and Kronforst, seniors Justin Mitchell and Aaron Wahls were consistent scorers for Illinois and junior Adam Palumbo came on strong at the end of the season to score in the final three meets. Mitchell was the third scorer in four meets and the fourth scorer in his two other competitions, while Wahls scored in four of six events, including being the fifth scorer at regionals. Great American Invitational (8,000 meters).

Great American Invitational (8,000 meters)
Purdue University • West Lafayette, Ind. • Sept. 7, 2002

Men's Team Scores (Second of Nine)
1. Purdue, 44; **2. Illinois, 69;** 3. Marquette, 97; 4. Butler, 178; 5. Wright State, 239; 6. Illinois-Chicago, 241; 7. Bowling Green, 316; 8. St. Joseph,s, 374; 9. IUPUI, 387.

Illinois Individuals
2. John Kronforst, 25:10; 3. Jason Bill, 25:13; 8. Aaron Wahls, 25:56; 10. Jon Houseworth, 25:59; 18. Kris Cunningham, 26:35; 28. Tom Hobbs, 27:16.

Illinois State Pre-Regional Meet (8,000 meters)
Illinois State University • Normal, Ill. • Sept. 14, 2002

Men's team scores (first of seven)
1. Illinois, 31; 2. Loyola-Chicago, 38; 3. Illinois State, 56; 4. Western Illinois, 124; 5. Illinois Wesleyan, 155; 6. St. Ambrose, 173; 7. S. Suburban College, 222.

Illinois Individuals
3. John Kronforst, 26:11.18; 4. Jason Bill, 26:18.31; 6. Aaron Wahls, 26:26.81; 8. Justin Mitchell, 26:28.06; 10. Jon Houseworth, 26:33.65; 15. Kris Cunningham, 26:51.74; 20. Richard Calvario, 27:06.25; 21. Tom Hobbs, 27:11.16; 26. Tim Seiwert, 27:38.53.

Roy Griak Invitational (8,000 meters)
University of Minnesota • Minneapolis, Minn. • Sept. 28, 2002

Men's team scores (16th of 27)
1. Oregon, 96; 2. Eastern Michigan, 105; 3. Weber State, 166; 4. Brigham Young, 173; 5. Minnesota, 195; 6. Providence College, 220; 7. Central Michigan, 230; 8. Arizona State, 280; 10. Texas, 284; 11. Iowa, 300; 12. Ohio State, 314; 13. Miami (Ohio), 362; 14. Michigan State, 368; 15. Nebraska, 372; **16. Illinois, 393;** 17. Utah, 403; 18, Texas A&M, 446; 19. Navy, 466; 20, Wake Forest, 508; 21. Wash. State, 552; 22. Kansas State, 595; 23. Iowa State, 603; 24. Wichita State, 660; 24. Arizona, 660; 26. Georgia, 672; 27. UMKC, 766.

Illinois Individuals
15. John Kronforst, 24:47.5; 36. Jason Bill, 24:57.7; 84. Justin Mitchell, 25:28.5; 120. Aaron Wahls, 25:50.7; 138. Tom Hobbs, 26:05.9; 151. Adam Palumbo, 26:21.7; 155. Kris Cunningham, 26:29.7.

Illinois Invitational (8,000 meters)
University of Illinois • Mahomet, Ill. • Oct. 5, 2002

Men's team scores (first of two)
1.Illinois, 20; 2. Northern Iowa, 36.

Illinois Individuals
1. John Kronforst, 24:50.55; 2. Jason Bill, 24:50.89; 4. Aaron Wahls, 25:03.12; 6. Justin Mitchell, 25:18.41; 9. Kris Cunningham, 25:25.44; 11. Jon Houseworth, 25:35.94; 13. Adam Palumbo, 25:52.80.

Asics/Pacesetter Pre-National Invitational (8,000 meters)
Indiana State University • Terre Haute, Ind. • Oct. 19. 2002

Men's team scores (18th of 35)
1. Stanford, 27; 2. Northern Arizona, 92; 3. Brigham Young, 171; 4. Indiana, 237; 5. Butler, 251; 6. North Carolina State, 260; 7. Dartmouth, 264; 8. Arizona State, 285; 9. Utah State, 302; 10. Princeton, 326; 11. Notre Dame, 336; 12. Portland, 340; 13. Miami (Ohio), 367; 14. Texas A&M, 373; 15. Utah, 391; 16. Virginia, 448; 17. New Mexico, 464; **18. Illinois, 474;** 19. Kent State, 500; 20. Harvard, 504; 21. Purdue, 537; 22. Florida, 546; 23. Cal-SB, 553; 24. New Hampshire, 574; 25. E. Kentucky, 612; 26. Pennsylvania, 643; 27. Arizona, 682; 28. Kansas, 727; 29. E. Illinois, 776; 30. Bucknell, 787; 31. James Madison, 829; 32. Ark-Little Rock, 834; 33. Youngstown State, 840; 34. Indiana State, 887; 35. Northern Iowa, 957.

Illinois Individuals
50. Jason Bill, 24:56; 54. John Kronforst, 24:59; 81. Justin Mitchell, 25:16; 140. Adam Palumbo, 25:45; 149. Paul Jellema, 25:51; 160. Aaron Wahls, 25:57; 195. Kris Cunningham, 26:23.

Big Ten Championships (8,000 meters)
Purdue University • West Lafayette, Ind. • Nov. 3, 2002

Men's team scores (eighth of 10)
1. Wisconsin, 25; 2. Ohio State, 79; 3. Michigan, 80; 4. Indiana, 95; 5. Minnesota, 108; 6. Michigan State, 156; 7. Iowa, 185; **8. Illinois, 201;** 9. Purdue, 239; 10. Penn State, 290.

Illinois Individuals
21. Jason Bill, 24:48.2; 39. John Kronforst, 25:08.8; 40. Justin Mitchell, 25:09.1; 52. Paul Jellema, 25:26.6; 60. Adam Palumbo, 25:39.3; 68. Aaron Wahls, 25:50.9; 73. Kris Cunningham, 26:04.2; 85. Jon Houseworth, 27:07.9.

Senior Adam Palumbo helped the Fighting Illini to a third place finish at the regional meet.

NCAA Midwest Regional (10,000 meters)
Illinois State University • Normal, Ill. • Nov. 16, 2002

Men's team scores (third of 24)
1. Iowa, 79; 2. Minnesota, 93; **3. Illinois, 153;** 4. Nebraska, 154; 5. Loyola, 170; 6. Iowa State, 192; 7. Kansas, 232; 8. Missouri, 238; 9. Oklahoma State, 254; 10. Eastern Illinois, 257; 11. Illinois State, 289; 12. Drake, 301; 13. Oklahoma, 335; 14. Depaul, 347; 15. Tulsa, 364; 16. Kansas State, 375; 17.

Northern Iowa, 379; 18. Wichita State, 401; 19. Illinois-Chicago, 522; 20. UMKC, 602; 21. Western Illinois, 606; 22. Creighton, 614; 23. St. Louis, 685; 24. Chicago State, 742.

Top 20 Individuals

1. Andrew Carlson, Minnesota, 29:56.82; 2. Christian Goy, Illinois State, 30:04.10; 3. Mike Mwangong, Iowa State, 30:05.62; 4. Robert Wade, Loyola, 30:06.62; 5. Matt Esche, Iowa, 30:10.15; 6. James Bowler, Nebraska, 30:13.44; **7. Jason Bill, Illinois, 30:15.55;** 8. Mark Manefee, Kansas, 30:16.31; 9. Kietil Ramstad, Drake, 30:20.24; 10. Ryan Malmin, Minnesota, 30:22.45; 11. Mathew Chesang, Kansas State, 30:24.81; **12. John Kronforst, Illinois, 30:25.75;** 13. Micah Vandenend, Iowa, 30:26.17; 14. Eric Rasmussen, Nebraska, 30:26.91; 15. Chris Jones, Kansas, 30:27.40; 16. Justin Motkowicz, Loyola, 30:27.92; 17. Joseph Welter, Iowa, 30:28.69; 18. Ryan Hampton, Missouri, 30:29.31; 19. Anthony Rakaric, Iowa, 30:31.42; 20. Mickael Colin, Wichita State, 30:32.31.

Illinois Individuals

7. Jason Bill, 30:15.55; 12. John Kronforst, 30:25.75; 37. Justin Mitchell, 30:57.97; 42. Adam Palumbo, 31:06.11; 55. Aaron Wahls, 31:18.79; 63. Kris Cunningham, 31:35.86; 77. Paul Jellema, 31.58.34.

The Big Ten Conference

This year marks the 88th rendition of the Big Ten Cross Country Championships and the Illinois cross country team will be making its 79th appearance. The Big Ten first sponsored a cross country championship in 1908, with Nebraska claiming the first title. Four years later in 1912, Illinois made its first appearance at the Championships and finished a modest seventh, led by R.T. Welsh who finished eighth individually. A year later, Illinois vaulted to second in the team standings thanks to a second-place finish by A.H. Mason, sparking Illinois' cross country prowess within the Big Ten Conference.

Illinois did not field a team during the 1916 season and a Conference championship was not held from 1917-18 on account of World War I. Illinois and the rest of the Big Ten returned to competition in 1919 with the Illini finishing seventh. Illinois again abstained from competition in 1939 and sent just three competitors to Chicago for the 1940 Championships. After not competing at the Championships from 1951-53, Illinois returned strong in 1954 with a third place finish. Illinois' last missed action at the Big Ten Championships came in 1964, when the Championships were ironically held at the University of Illinois Golf Course in Savoy. In fact 1964 saw only six teams compete as Michigan, Ohio State and Purdue failed to field teams.

While Illinois' participation was an off-and-on affair early on in the programs history, there is no doubting Illinois success when it comes to the Big Ten Championships. In the previous 78 years of competition, Illinois has won three team titles, finished in the top two 20 times, in the top three 28 times and in the top four on 47 occasions.

The Illini have also had four runners claim eight Big Ten individual titles, most recently by Craig Virgin in 1976. In fact, Virgin was undefeated at the Big Ten Championships, winning a then unprecedented four consecutive Big Ten titles from 1973-76. Indiana's Bob Kennedy and Michigan's Kevin Sullivan (currently an Illinois volunteer assistant) are the only other Big Ten competitors to win four straight titles. Joining Virgin as Big Ten Champions for the Illini are Allen Carius in 1962-63, Vic Twomey in 1945 and Robert Woolsey in 1932.

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Illinois at the Big Ten Championship

Top-10 Individual Finishes

Runner	Place	Time	Year
*Craig Virgin	1st	23:16.7	1976
*Craig Virgin	1st	23.04.5	1975
*Craig Virgin	1st	30:11.0	1974
*Craig Virgin	1st	28:30.8	1973
Allen Carius	1st	19:39.4	1963
Allen Carius	1st	19:45.2	1962
Vic Twomey	1st	21:28.9	1945
R. Woolsey	1st	21:03	1932
Len Sitko	2nd	24:41.7	1990
Kerry Dickson	2nd	24:07.4	1981
Rick Gross	2nd	30:01	1971
V. Twomey	2nd	20:40	1948
J. Twomey	2nd	20:49	1947
David Halle	3rd	24:26	1987
Ty Wolf	3rd	30:25	1984
Kerry Dickson	3rd	24:23	1980
Mike Durkin	3rd	28:53	1973
Rick Gross	3rd	24:49	1970
Karl Jonsson	3rd	20:53	1956
Karl Jonsson	3rd	19:50	1955
J. Twomey	3rd	21:12	1946
C. Dunn	3rd	21:54	1942
Len Sitko	4th	24:33	1989
Ken Howse	4th	26:11	1969
Ken Brown	4th	19:47	1960
Jim Bowers	4th	20:46	1958
C. Dunn	4th	20:52	1941
Jason Zieren	5th	25:11.2	1996
V. Sheuring	5th	20:40	1954
Barry Pearman	6th	25:10.6	1996
Dave Halle	6th	24:26	1986
Jeff Jacobs	6th	23:57	1983
Jim Bowers	6th	20:40	1959
Karl Jonsson	6th	21:50	1957
George Lynch	6th	20:33	1950
John Kronforst	7th	24:13.2	2001
Jim Eicken	7th	24:44	1978
V. Twomey	7th	21:26	1949
W.C. Gould	8th	27:21	1930
Marko Koers	9th	25:14.2	1995
Eric Henson	9th	25:05.1	1994
Harold Winship	9th	25:00	1977
Ken Howse	9th	25:33	1968
P. Steinberg	10th	22:26	1944

*First four-time champion in Big Ten history

All-Big Ten Performers

(Since 1984)

Runner	Place	Time	Year
John Kronforst	7th	24:13.2	2001
Barry Pearman	5th	25:10.6	1996
Jason Zieren	6th	25:11.2	1996
Len Sitko	2nd	24:41.7	1990
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Ty Wolf	3rd	30:25	1984

R. Woolsey

Phil Steinberg

Dave Halle

Jason Zieren

John Kronforst

Big Ten Championship Results (Since 1930)

Year	Big 10 (Pts.) Champion	Illinois (Pts.) Finish	Top Illini (Finish, Time)
1930	Indiana (51)	Third (67)	W.C. Gould (8th, 27:21)
1931	Indiana (38)	Fourth (91)	R. Woolsey (11th, N/A)
1932	Indiana (42)	Second (68)	**R. Woolsey (1st, 21:03)**
1933	**Illinois (N/A)**	**First (N/A)**	**N/A**
1940	Indiana (31)	Fifth	Park Brown (11th, 23:07.0)
1941	Purdue (33)	Fourth (78)	C. Dunn (4th, 20:52)
1942	Indiana (34)	Second (69)	C. Dunn (3rd, 21:54)
1944	Wisconsin (38)	Fifth (99)	P. Steinberg (10th, 22:26)
1945	Wisconsin (43)	Fourth (83)	**V. Twomey (1st, 21:28.9)**
1946	Wisc/Ind. (48)	Third (65)	J. Twomey (3rd, 21:12)
1947	**Illinois (47)**	**First (47)**	**J. Twomey (2nd, 20:49)**
1948	Wisconsin (44)	Second (66)	V. Twomey (2nd, 20:40)
1949	Wisconsin (49)	Second (55)	V. Twomey (7th, 21:26)
1950	Wisconsin (56)	Sixth (137)	George Lynch (6th, 20:33)
1954	Michigan (55)	Fourth (81)	V. Sheuring (5th, 20:40)
1955	Michigan St. (36)	Second (57)	Karl Jonsson (3rd, 19:50)
1956	Michigan St. (21)	Second (88)	Karl Jonsson (3rd, 20:53)
1957	Michigan St. (43)	Third (83)	Karl Jonsson (6th, 21:50)
1958	Michigan St. (43)	Fourth (77)	Jim Bowers (4th, 20:46)
1959	Michigan St. (56)	N/A	Jim Bowers (6th, 20:40)
1960	Michigan St. (30)	Seventh (137)	Ken Brown (4th, 19:47)
1961	Michigan St. (51)	N/A	Jim McElwee (14th, 20:48)
1962	Michigan St. (39)	Fourth (104)	**Allen Carius (1st, 19:45.2)**
1963	Michigan St. (39)	Fifth (106)	**Allen Carius (1st, 19:39.4)**
1965	Northwestern (40)	Seventh (154)	Dennis Krause (24th, 21:29)
1966	Iowa (41)	Eighth (200)	John Lamoreux (17th, 19:58)
1967	Indiana (56)	Tenth (251)	John Lamoreux (38th, 26:11)
1968	Michigan St. (70)	Sixth (120)	Ken Howse (9th, 25:33)
1969	Minnesota (40)	Second (73)	Ken Howse (4th, 26:11)
1970	Michigan St. (42)	Fourth (82)	Rick Gross (3rd, 24:49)
1971	Michigan St. (74)	Fifth (109)	Rick Gross (2nd, 30:01)
1972	Indiana (39)	Eighth (204)	Mike Durkin (28th, 32:15)
1973	Indiana (49)	Fourth (100)	**Craig Virgin (1st, 28:30.8)**
1974	Michigan (42)	Third (75)	**Craig Virgin (1st, 30:11.0)**
1975	Michigan (41)	Fourth (78)	**Craig Virgin (1st, 23:04.5)**
1976	Michigan (67)	Second (78)	**Craig Virgin (1st, 23:16.7)**
1977	Wisconsin (52)	T-Second (75)	Harold Winship (9th, 25:00)
1978	Wisconsin (24)	Fifth (109)	Jim Eicken (7th, 24:44)
1979	Wisconsin (56)	Fourth (98)	Walter Duffy (11th, 24:09)
1980	Indiana (44)	Third (70)	Kerry Dickson (3rd, 24:23)
1981	Wisconsin (27)	Second (60)	Kerry Dickson (2nd, 24:07.4)
1982	Wisconsin (29)	Fourth (114)	Greg Domanty (11th, 25:06)
1983	Wisconsin (19)	Fourth (88)	Jeff Jacobs (6th, 23:57)
1984	**Illinois (58)**	**First (58)**	**Ty Wolf (3rd, 30:25)**
1985	Wisconsin (26)	Fifth (139)	Paul Kivela (10th, 25:31)
1986	Wisconsin (48)	Second (70)	Dave Halle (6th, 24:26)
1987	Wisconsin (41)	Second (73)	Dave Halle (3rd, 24:46)
1988	Wisconsin (30)	Fourth (129)	Andy Homoly (18th, 25:04)
1989	Wisconsin (40)	Second (82)	Len Sitko (4th, 24:33)
1990	Wisconsin (53)	Fourth (91)	Len Sitko (2nd, 24:41.7)
1991	Wisconsin (25)	Fifth (143)	Andy Homoly (16th, 25:38.4)
1992	Wisconsin (31)	Fourth (140)	Bill West (17th, 25:02)
1993	Michigan (50)	Eighth (201)	Dan Nolan (35th, 25:46.02)
1994	Wisconsin (42)	Fourth (101)	Eric Henson (9th, 25:05.1)
1995	Wisconsin (37)	Fourth (127)	Marko Koers (9th, 25:14.2)
1996	Wisconsin (55)	Fourth (106)	Barry Pearman (6th, 25:10.6)
1997	Michigan (29)	Ninth (217)	Rob Winfield (32nd, 25:32)
1998	Michigan (50)	Eighth (192)	Scott McClennan (22nd, 25:30)
1999	Wisconsin (38)	Eighth (187)	Mike Lucchesi (27th, 26:26.3)
2000	Wisconsin (45)	Tenth (239)	Ryan Eason, (36th, 25:20)
2001	Wisconsin (28)	Tenth (231)	John Kronforst, (7th, 24:13.2)
2002	Wisconsin (25)	Eighth (201)	Jason Bill (21st, 24:48.2)

History of Illinois Cross Country

The University of Illinois has had a strong and successful program ever since the early 1900s. Several great runners have made significant contributions throughout these successful years. Most recently, Len Sitko owned the spotlight. Sitko finished second in the 1990 Big Ten meet and went on to earn All-America honors with a 22nd-place finish at the NCAA meet.

In the 1980s, UI won one Big Ten crown and finished second on four other occasions. The premier runners of the decade were All-Americans Kerry Dickson, Jeff Jacobs, Greg Domantay, Ty Wolf and Joe Leuchtmann.

The '70s were dominated by great individual performances. In 1971, Rick Gross finished second in the Big Ten and ninth in the nation. Jim Eicken earned All-America honors in 1978, and Mike Durkin finished third in the conference and 18th in the nation in 1973.

Craig Virgin was synonymous with success in the early 1970s. He was the first runner in Big Ten history to become a four-time cross country champion, winning the crown from 1973-76. Virgin also won the 1975 NCAA championship and went on to win the cross country world championship in 1980 and '81.

Preceding Virgin in the 1960's were All-Americans Ken Brown, Allen Carius and Ken Howse. In 1960, Brown finished fourth in both the Big Ten and the nation. Howse garnered All-American status in 1969 after a fourth in the Big Ten and 37th nationally. The dominant Fighting Illini runner in the '60s was Allen Carius. In 1962 and 63, Carius repeated as the Big Ten champion as well as the national champion. He stands as the only to win back-to-back Big Ten and national crowns .

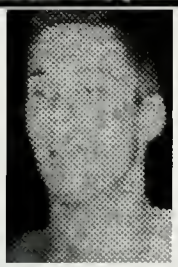
Each year, most of these former athletes, along with dozens of other Illinois cross country alumni (and their families) from all decades, return to Champaign-Urbana one weekend during the fall to keep the Fighting Illini tradition alive. The returnees annually challenge the current team to an exhibition meet.

John Kornforst earned back-to-back All-Midwest Regional honors after finishing ninth at the 2000 regional meet and 12th at the 2001 meet.

Sophomore Jason Bill led Illinois to a third place regional finish in 2002, placing seventh. The finish was the Illini's best since 1986 when they finished second.

NCAA Regional Results

Year	Regional (Pts) Champion	Illinois (Pts) Finish	Top Illini (Finish, Time)
1973	E. Michigan (81)	Ninth (223)	Craig Virgin (3rd, 29:22)
1974	E. Michigan (33)	Sixth (176)	**Craig Virgin (1st, 28:42.8)**
1975	Wisconsin (58)	Fourth (94)	**Craig Virgin (1st, 23:05.5)**
1976	**Illinois (47)**	**First (47)**	**Craig Virgin (1st, 29:04.4)**
1977	Wisconsin (85)	Third (97)	Jim Eicken (6th, 31:40)
1978	Wisconsin (46)	Sixth (187)	Jim Eicken (5th, 30:32.8)
1979	Indiana (84)	Eighth (190)	Walter Duffy (16th, 32:51)
1980	Indiana (57)	Third (80)	Pete Ffitch (11th, 30:31)
1981	Wisconsin (60)	Third (129)	Walter Duffy (8th, 30:34)
1982	Wisconsin (32)	Eighth (236)	Greg Domantay (5th, 30:03.9)
1983	Wisconsin (36)	Fourth (147)	Kerry Dickson (13th, 30:48)
1984	Wisconsin (57)	Second (100)	Ty Wolf (6th, 29:55.0)
1985	Wisconsin (35)	Eighth (218)	David Halle (6th, 31:58.1)
1986	Wisconsin (59)	Second (91)	J. Leuchtmann (10th, 30:09.6)
1987	Wisconsin (66)	Fifth (134)	David Halle (12th, 30:44)
1988	Wisconsin (64)	Eighth (129)	Len Sitko (35th, 32:34.2)
1989	C. Michigan (80)	Eighth (242)	Neal Gassmann (30th, 32:12.7)
1990	Notre Dame (70)	Fourth (131)	Len Sitko (4th, 31:01.9)
1991	Wisconsin (61)	Sixth (185)	Andy Homoly (18th, 31:46)
1992	Wisconsin (52)	Sixth (222)	Jason West (17th, 32:42.1)
1993	Notre Dame (55)	12th (339)	Dan Mazur (48th, 33:55.9)
1994	Wisconsin (33)	Fourth (114)	Eric Henson (17th, 25:05.1)
1995	Wisconsin (52)	Fifth (228)	Marko Koers (7th, 31:27)
1996	Notre Dame (60)	Sixth (188)	Barry Pearman (3rd, 30:39)
1997	Oklahoma St. (86)	10th (269)	Scott McClennan (14th, 33:15)
1998	Oklahoma St. (42)	Fifth (221)	Scott McClennan (22nd, 31:47)
1999	Minnesota (56)	Fourth (155)	Scott McClennan (14th, 31:17)
2000	Oklahoma St. (68)	10th (284)	Mike Lucchesi, (31st, 31:21)
2001	Minnesota (78)	7th (185)	John Kronforst, (9th, 31:02)
2002	Iowa (79)	Third (153)	Jason Bill, (7th, 31:37.0)


James Bowers

Ken Brown

Kerry Dickson

Greg Domantay

Mike Durkin

Jim Eicken

Illinois All-Americans

Illinois at the NCAA Regionals

Top 10 Regional Finishes

Runner	Place	Time	Year
Craig Virgin	1st	29:04.4	1976
Craig Virgin	1st	23:05.5	1975
Craig Virgin	1st	28:42.8	1974
Barry Pearman	3rd	30:39	1996
Craig Virgin	3rd	29:22	1973
Len Sitko	4th	31:01.9	1990
Mike Durkin	4th	29:27	1973
Greg Domantay	5th	30:03.9	1982
Jim Eicken	5th	30:23.8	1978
David Halle	6th	31:58.1	1985
Ty Wolf	6th	29:55.0	1984
Jim Eicken	6th	31:40	1977
Dave Walters	6th	31:52	1976
Jason Zieren	7th	30:52	1996
Marko Koers	7th	31:27	1995
Mike Patton	8th	30:18.1	1984
Wally Duffy	8th	30:34	1981
John Kronforst	9th	31:02.6	2001

*Contested since 1972; Prior to 1997, Illinois competed in NCAA District IV, in 1997, Illinois moved to NCAA District V, which has since been renamed Region V.

NCAA Championship

Illinois All-Americans

Name	Finish	Time	Year
James Bowers	6th*	21:26	1959
Ken Brown	4th*	19:47	1960
Allen Carius	1st*	19:45.2	1962
Allen Carius	1st*	19:39.4	1963
Ken Howse	37th	26:11	1969
Rick Gross	9th	30:01	1971
Mike Durkin	18th	29:06.2	1973
Craig Virgin	10th	28:47.8	1973
Craig Virgin	12th	30:15.8	1974
Craig Virgin	1st	30:15.8	1975
Craig Virgin	3rd	28:23.4	1976
Dave Walters	43rd	28:26.5	1977
Jim Eicken	27th	30:04.4	1978
Pete Ffitch	52nd	30:21.5	1981
Kerry Dickson	30th	30:40.5	1981
Greg Domantay	41st	31:12.3	1982
Kerry Dickson	37th	30:46.4	1983
Mike Patton	44th	30:55.5	1983
Jeff Jacobs	46th	30:21.6	1983
Ty Wolf	25th	30:21.6	1984
Joe Leuchtmann	20th	31:26.8	1986
Jeff Jacobs	40th	31:50	1986
Len Sitko	22nd	29:58	1990

*Prior to 1964, All-America status was determined by finish at conference championship meets. Since then, to earn All-America status, a runner must be among the top 25 American finishers at the NCAA Championships.

Craig Virgin

Pete Ffitch

Rick Gross

Allen Carius

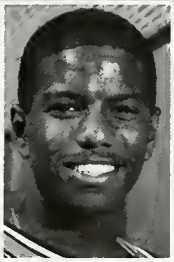
Jeff Jacobs

Ty Wolf

Dave Walters

Vic Twomey

Len Sitko


Mike Patton

Joe Leuchtmann

Year-by Year Records

Year	Big Ten	Region	NCAA
Coach: Harry Gill			
1912	7th	---	---
1913	2nd	---	---
1915	5th	---	---
1919	7th	---	---
1920	2nd	---	---
1921	1st	---	---
1922	3rd	---	---
1923	2nd	---	---
1924	5th	---	---
1925	3rd	---	---
1926	4th	---	---
1927	2nd	---	---
1928	7th	---	---
1929	9th	---	---
1930	3rd	---	---
1931	4th	---	---
Coach: C.D. Werner			
1932	2nd	---	---
Coach: Don Seaton			
1933	1st	---	---
1934	---	---	---
1935	---	---	---
1936	---	---	---
Coach: Harry Gill			
1937	---	---	---
Coach: Harry Gill and Leo Johnson			
1938	5th	---	---
Coach: Harold Osborn			
1940	---	---	---
1941	4th	---	10th
1942	2nd	---	5th
1944	5th	---	---
Coach: Leo Johnson			
1945	4th	---	---
1946	3rd	---	---
1947	1st	---	---
1948	2nd	---	---
1949	2nd	---	8th
1950	6th	---	---
Coach: Ed Berneauer			
1954	4th	---	---
1955	2nd	---	---
1956	2nd	---	4th
1957	3rd	---	---
Coach: Leo Johnson			
1958	4th	---	---
1959	6th	---	---
1960	7th	---	---
Coach: Ed Berneauer			
1961	8th	---	---
Coach: Phil Coleman			
1962	4th	---	---
1963	5th	---	---
Coach: Robert Wright			
1965	7th	---	---
1966	8th	---	---
Coach: Gary Wieneke			
1967	10th	---	---
1968	6th	---	---
1969	2nd	---	5th
1970	4th	---	25th
1971	5th	---	---
1972	8th	---	---
1973	4th	9th	---
1974	3rd	6th	---
1975	4th	4th	10th
1976	2nd	1st	5th
1977	2nd-T	3rd	22nd
1978	5th	6th	---
1979	4th	8th	---
1980	3rd	3rd	21st
1981	2nd	3rd	10th
1982	4th	8th	---
1983	4th	4th	9th
1984	1st	2nd	14th
1985	5th	8th	---
1986	2nd	2nd	7th
1987	2nd	5th	---
1988	4th	8th	---
1989	2nd	8th	---
1990	4th	4th	---
1991	5th	6th	---
1992	4th	6th	---
1993	8th	12th	---
1994	4th	4th	---
1995	4th	5th	---
1996	4th	6th	---
1997	9th	10th	---
1998	8th	5th	---
1999	8th	4th	---
2000	10th	10th	---
2001	10th	7th	---
2002	8th	3rd	---

COACH PAUL PILKINGTON
2003

Top 10 Illinois Times by Distance

8,000 Meters

	Name	Time	Date	Meet
1.	Ty Wolf	23:43.0*	11/10/84	NCAA District IV Meet
2.	Jeff Jacobs	23:44.0	9/24/83	SIU/Wisconsin
3.	Kerry Dickson	23:59.0*	10/01/83	Illinois Invitational
	Mike Patton	23:59.0*	10/01/83	Illinois Invitational
5.	Wally Duffy	24:09.0	11/03/79	Big Ten Championships
6.	John Kronforst	24:13.2	10/28/01	Big Ten Championships
7.	Pete Ffitch	24:17.8	11/07/81	Big Ten Championships
8.	Jon Schmidt	24:24.0	11/03/79	Big Ten Championships
9.	Len Sitko	24:26.9	10/06/89	Notre Dame Invitational
10.	Dave Painter	24:27.0	11/03/79	Big Ten Championships

*on way to a longer distance

10,000 Meters

	Name	Time	Date	Meet
1.	Craig Virgin	28:26.6	11/22/76	NCAA Championships
2.	Dave Walters	29:44.0	11/13/76	NCAA District IV Meet
3.	Jim Eicken	29:48.0	11/22/76	NCAA Championships
4.	Mark Avery	29:51.0	11/22/76	NCAA Championships
5.	Ty Wolf	29:55.0	11/10/84	NCAA District IV Meet
6.	Len Sitko	29:58.0	11/19/90	NCAA Championships
7.	Greg Domantay	30:03.9	11/13/82	NCAA District IV Meet
	Mike Patton	30:03.9	10/01/83	Illinois Invitational
9.	Kerry Dickson	30:04.5	11/23/81	NCAA Championships
10.	Jeff Jacobs	30:06.0	10/01/83	Illinois Invitational

Academic All-Big Ten

2002: **John Kronforst, Justin Mitchell, Bob Pligge, Aaron Wahls**

2001: John Kronforst, Rich Lin, Justin Mitchell, Tim Seiwert, Aaron Wahls

2000: Ryan Eason, Caleb Grinter, Dan Horyn, Andrew Kurtz, Justin Mitchell, Aaron Wahls

1999: Ryan Eason, Caleb Grinter, Dan Horyn, John Kronforst, Scott McClennan, Justin Mitchell

1998: Chas Berckman, Ryan Eason, Dan Horyn, Scott McClennan

1997: Matt Hanley, Scott McClennan, Rob Winfield, Matt Yesko, Jason Zieren

1996: Brett Siglin, Rob Winfield, Jason Zieren

1995: Eric Henson, Marko Koers, Jason Zieren

1994: Joe Alexander, Eric Henson, Mike Smaidris

1993: Eric Henson, Paul Talbot, Mike Uchanski

1992: David Eckburg, Dan Mazur, Paul Talbot, Prosper Wang

1991: Marc Dickison, David Eckburg, Andy Homoly, Mark Scheirer

1990: Jim DeBeers, Andy Homoly, Mark Scheirer

1989: Andy Homoly, Mark Scheirer

1987: David Halle, John Jacobson

1986: Paul Kivela

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Adams, Paul 1975
Alexander, Joe 1993-96
Allen, Bill 1972-73
Allman, John 1920
Avery, Mark, ...1974-77

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Bauer, Craig 1981-84
Baughman, Lynn 1934
Berckman, Chas 1998
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Bilsbury, Norman 1988-89
Bissell, Lonnie 1979
Bolander, Harold 1913
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Bowers, James 1957-59
Brenneman, Bruce 1946
Bridges, Jan 1963
Bridges, Mike 1972-74
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Brooks, Rich 1973-75
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Brown, Ken 1960
Brown, Park 1938-40
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Campbell, Robert 1942
Capelle, Mark 1981
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Close, Tim 1977-78
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Cope, Walter 1912
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deBeers, Jim 1990-91
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Fairfield, David 1925-27
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Inch, Chris 1987-88

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Kronforst, John 1999, 01, 02
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Saunders, Chris 1994
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Wolf, Ty 1983-84
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Zieren, Jason 1994-97
Zimner, David 1988

Illinois Coaching History

Coach (Seasons)	Years
Harry L. Gill (19)	1905, 1912-13, 1915-16, 1919-31, 1937
C.D. Werner (1)	1932
Don Seaton (4)	1933-36
Leo T. Johnson and **Harry L. Gill** (1)	1938
Harold Osborn (4)	1940-42, 44
Leo Johnson (9)	1945-50, 1958-60
Ed Berneauer (4)	1954-57, 1961
Phil Coleman (3)	1962-64
Robert Wright (2)	1965-66
Gary Wieneke (36)	1967-2002
Paul Pilkington (1)	2003

THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Since its founding in 1867, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign has earned a reputation of international stature. Its distinguished faculty, outstanding resources, breadth of academic programs and research disciplines, and talented and diverse student body constitute an educational community ideally suited for teaching and research. Located in east central Illinois in the twin cities of Urbana and Champaign (population 110,000), the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is the state's flagship public university.

STUDENTS

The University has a fundamental commitment to undergraduate education. More than 26,000 undergraduate students are enrolled in nine undergraduate divisions, which together offer some 4,000 courses in more than 150 fields of study.

The divisions are: the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences; College of Applied Life Studies; College of Communications; College of Commerce and Business Administration; College of Education; College of Engineering; College of Fine and Applied Arts; College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Institute of Aviarion.

Undergraduate admission is highly selective. In a recent freshman class, the average student was in the top 10 percent of his or her high school graduating class and scored in the top 10 percent of those taking the national college entrance examination. Approximately 9,000 graduate and professional students are enrolled in more than 100 disciplines. Many of these programs rank in the top 10 in the country, making Illinois among the nation's top 20 universities that grant doctoral degrees, according to the National Research Council.

WORLD-CLASS FACULTY

Many faculty have been recognized for exceptional scholarship with memberships in the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the National Academy of Sciences, and the National Academy of Engineering; with the National Medal of Science; as National Science Foundation Young Investigators; and by such organizations as the National Endowment for the Humanities, Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, National Academy of Education, and the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. At Illinois, research has a home in libraries, laboratories and classrooms, where it provides a real-life context for teaching and learning.

COMPUTING

A leader in supercomputing applications, the University is home of NCSA (National Center for Supercomputing Applications) where Mosaic web browsing software was first developed. Since first released in 1993, Mosaic has spawned exponential growth in the use of the World Wide Web. NCSA staff has also been instrumental in promoting World Wide Web access at the White House and in the city of Chicago. There are 23,000 network connections on campus for students, faculty and staff.

RESEARCH

Students and scholars find the University an ideal place to conduct cross-disciplinary research. The most visible example of the University's commitment to such study is the Beckman Institute for Advanced Science and Technology, which was founded in 1985. Here research groups from nearly two dozen disciplines work within and across the following three main research themes: biological intelligence, human-computer intelligent interaction and molecular and electronic nanostructures. In 2002, General Motors teamed up with the Beckman Institute to study driver distractions and how well humans interact with in-vehicle technologies. The special atmosphere at the Beckman Institute has also led to the invention of a technique to extend the life of silicon chips by a factor of 50, a development that has caught the interest of the world's major chip manufacturers.

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

Academic resources on the campus are among the world's finest. The University Library is the third largest academic collection in the nation, housing more than 15.9 million items in the main library and in the more than 40 departmental libraries and units. Only Harvard and Yale have larger collections. The library's computerized cataloging system was the first in the world to serve as the primary access to a large academic library. Users have worldwide access to the collections through the Internet, with more than a million patrons logging on each week.

THE ARTS

A major center for the arts, the campus attracts dozens of nationally and internationally renowned artists each year to its widely acclaimed Krannert Center for the Performing Arts. Designed by alumnus Max Abramovitz, an architect of New York City's Lincoln Center, the facility has four indoor theaters and an outdoor amphitheater. Together, they host more than 300 performances each year. The University also supports three major museums: the Krannert Art Museum and Kinkead Pavilion, the World Heritage Museum and the Museum of Natural History. Other major facilities include the multipurpose Assembly Hall (17,000 seats), which hosts concerts, convocations, theater and sporting events; Memorial Stadium, site of Big Ten Conference football games; and the Intramural-Physical Education Building.

PARTNERSHIP ILLINOIS

Also integral to the University's mission is a commitment to partnerships with many sectors of Illinois business and industry. Each year more than 60,000 Illinois residents participate in scores of conferences, institutes, credit and non-credit courses and workshops presented on campus and statewide. University-sponsored programs in both urban and rural areas of the state bring University faculty to the citizens of Illinois to share their expertise in food industries, health, K-12 education, technology transfer and economic development, to name a few. Cooperative Extension Service offices throughout Illinois serve nearly one million people annually. The Institute for Competitive Manufacturing has succeeded in solving business and manufacturing problems in hundreds of Illinois firms by matching student project teams with businesses in need.

OUR GRADUATES SUCCEED

Freshman rerention and overall graduation rates are well above the national averages. Typically, approximately 90 percent of freshmen return for their sophomore year. The graduation rate for students who enter the university on a full-time basis is approximately 80 percent. The national average for four-year schools is approximately 50 percent. Over 50 percent of seniors find employment before graduation and 95 percent find positions within nine months of graduation. Each year, more than 400 graduates are accepted to law school. Medical school admissions are also impressive with more than 200 students admitted each year.

According to regular surveys of thousands of graduates, more than 90% indicate they would choose Illinois if they had to make their college choice again

SELECTED RANKINGS

How good is the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign? The rankings presented here show that the U of I is indeed a world-class institution.

· *U.S. News & World Report* rates Illinois as one of the Top-10 public national universities that grant doctoral degrees, according to a 2001 ranking of America's best colleges.

· *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* ranks Illinois ninth in its "100 Best Values in Public Colleges" for 2000.

· The 2002 *Fiske Guide to Colleges* views Illinois as one of the 43 "best buys" based on the quality of the academic offering in relation to the cost of attendance.

· In 1998, *Science Watch* ranked Illinois fifth in the nation for its scientific impact on agricultural science from a field of the Top-100 federally funded universities in the United States.

· The University Library houses the largest public university library in the world, with more than 21 million items in the main library and over 40 departmental libraries and divisions. More than one million patrons from around the world use the online catalog each week.

· Grainger Engineering Library Information Center is the largest engineering library in the country and one of the world's most technologically advanced information management and retrieval centers.

· *New Mobility* magazine ranked Illinois first among "disability-friendly colleges" in 1998.

· According to rankings in U.S. News & World Report in 2002 (unless otherwise noted):

- The College of Commerce and Business Administration ranks in the top 50 (2002) graduate colleges for business and ties for ninth for undergraduate business education (2001).
- The College of Education graduate program ranks 14th in the nation.
- Illinois' graduate program in engineering is fifth (2002) in the country, and its undergraduate program is tied at fourth (2001).
- The College of Law ranks 25th among the nation's 175 accredited law schools.
- The Graduate School of Library and Information Science's program is tied for first in the nation (1999).
- The College of Veterinary Medicine is tied for 12th in the country (2000).

Several undergraduate programs rank in the top 25 in the country (2001).	
Accountancy #1	Aeronautical engineering #8
Civil engineering #2	Chemical engineering #8
Electrical engineering #2	Insurance/risk management #10
Materials science #2	Marketing #10
Environmental engineering #3	Industrial engineering #12
Nuclear engineering #4	Business management #14
Computer engineering #5	Production/operations
Mechanical engineering #6	management #14

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

Pulitzer and Nobel Prize-winners

· **Michael Colgrass Jr.**—1978 Pulitzer Prize (Music)
· **James "Scotty" Restin**–Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist
· **Roger Ebert**—Pulitzer Prize-winning film critic
· **Dr. Rosalyn Yalow**—1978 Nobel Prize Winner

Politics

· **Charles Bowsher** - U.S. Comptroller General
· **James Brady**—Press Secretary during Reagan Administration
· **Shou-Po-Chao**—Secretary General of Taiwan
· **Katherine Kendall**—United Nations Social Affairs Director
· **Lynn Martin**—Former Secretary of Labor
· **Fidel Ramos**—Former President of the Philippines
· **Sam Skinner**—Secretary of Transportation; Chief of Staff during Bush Administration

Business

· **James Cantalupo**—Chairman and CEO of McDonald's Corporation International
· **George M.C. Fisher**—CEO of Eastman Kodak
· **Hugh Hefner**—Founder of Playboy Magazine
· **Robert Johnson**—CEO of Black Entertainment Television
· **Ron Popeil** - Ronco
· **Jack Welch**—CEO of General Electric

Entertainment

· **John Coleman**—Founder of The Weather Channel
· **Andrew Davis**—Film director/producer ("The Fugitive," "Under Seige")
· **Ang Lee**—Film director ("Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon")
· **Gene Shalit**– "NBC Today Show" film critic
· **Dennis Swanson**—Former President of ABC Sports
· **Lynne Thigpen**—Tony Award-winning actress

Athletics

· **Dick Butkus**—NFL Hall of Famer
· **Jerry Colangelo**—Owner and CEO of Phoenix Suns and Arizona Diamondbacks
· **Jean Driscoll**—Wheelchair athlete; Eight-time Boston Marathon Champion
· **Harold "Red" Grange**—Football Legend
· **George Halas**—Founder of the Chicago Bears
· **Johnny "Red" Kerr**—Chicago Bulls announcer
· **Mannie Jackson**—Owner of Harlem Globetrotters
· **Mark Steinberg**– Sports agent, clients include Tiger Woods and Vince Carter
· **Nancy Thies**—Olympic gymnast, sportscaster

The goal of each sports program within the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics at the University of Illinois is to strive toward success. The Division of Intercollegiate Athletics has taken a comprehensive approach to the success of the student-athlete. The Illini Life Skills program is designed to meet the total needs of the student-athlete.

Sponsored by the NCAA, the Illini Life Skills program is comprised of five programming commitment areas viewed as critical to personal growth and development. The commitment areas are: academic excellence, athletic excellence, personal development, service to campus and surrounding communities and career development.

This comprehensive balance of academic excellence, athletic achievement and personal well-being is stressed daily by the administrative staff and coaches. Inevitably, a student-athlete's playing days will end, but with the assistance of the Illini Life Skills program, each Fighting Illini athlete will be fully prepared for career and personal challenges ahead.

Presentations and workshops in many of the above areas can be ordered from the Illini Life Skills program menu on an individual or team basis. Each program is tailored to the specific individual's request.

Academic Excellence

Among the elements stressed by the academic services department to assure student-athlete success are counseling and tutorial services, a monitoring program and state-of-the-art computer labs.

The Irwin Academic Center, the former Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity house opened as a center to consolidate academic services for student-athletes.

Athletic Excellence

Athletically, the University of Illinois has long supported a broad-based sports program. Its coaching staff and facilities are among the nation's best. The UI's support units include excellent staffs for recruiting, equipment, facilities maintenance, fund raising, publicity and promotions. Its sports medicine staff not only assists student-athletes in strength training and conditioning, but also in personal health maintenance.

Personal Development

As important as the UI's commitment is to the student-athlete's performance in the classroom and on the field, it also considers the individual's spiritual and emotional needs, and his/her career objectives. Fighting Illini student-athletes are afforded the opportunity to attend a variety of seminars during their collegiate experience, helping them enhance their future following athletics. Among the seminars offered are those in career placement, financial planning, time and stress management, sexual harassment, drug and alcohol education and player/agent relations.

Service

The Division of Intercollegiate Athletics also sponsors a Student Athletic Advisory Board (SAAB), which is made up of representatives from all 19 Fighting Illini intercollegiate athletic teams.

Members of SAAB and their teammates perform various acts of community service such as visits to local hospitals, grade schools and other personal appearances.

Career Development

The strong relationships built within the vast Illinois alumni networking system provide excellent opportunities for all student-athletes, whether it be for summer jobs, internships or in career placement after graduation. Once the individual's career is established, the DIA asks for his/her participation in a follow-up program that allows student-athletes to benefit from their predecessors' experiences.

The Illini Union, located at the north end of the quad, has meeting rooms, cafeterias, bowling alleys, the Alumni Association offices, a branch of the University library, and hotel rooms.

Athletic Facilities

Memorial Stadium is home to Illini football.

Illinois basketball is played at the Assembly Hall.

Huff Hall hosts Illinois volleyball as well as gymnastics meets and wrestling matches.

Illini baseball games are played at Illinois Field.

The Atkins Tennis Center is home to Illini tennis.

The UI Track and Soccer Stadium hosts soccer matches in the fall and outdoor track meets in the spring.

Home swim meets are held at IMPE.

The Illini host golf tournaments at Stone Creek Golf Club.

Illini softball games are played at Eichelberger Field.

Indoor track meets are held at the Armory Track.

The Division of Intercollegiate Athletics (DIA) was chartered in 1892 as a not-for-profit corporation of the State of Illinois. It was charged with overseeing and conducting the University's intercollegiate athletic programs and associated support services, and operated as a separate entity.

After the state legislature voted in June 1989 to bring UI athletics within the University proper, the DIA assumed the functions and responsibilities of the Athletic Association. The Division of Intercollegiate Athletics began operations officially July 1, 1989, and now, more than a century after University of Illinois athletics began, the mission is still to achieve excellence both in the classroom and in sport competition.

The director of athletics is the division's chief executive officer, and reports directly to the chancellor of the Urbana-Champaign campus. The chancellor has final authority regarding the athletic program in all areas except for budget and major appointments. Those decisions rest with the University of Illinois Board of Trustees.

The Athletic Board serves the DIA in an advisory capacity. It is composed of 18 members, (nine faculty, five alumni, three students and one trustee); and the three non-voting (ex-officio) members from the University administration. The faculty and student members are nominated by the Urbana-Champaign Senate and selected by the chancellor.

The Division of Intercollegiate Athletics does not receive state tax dollars and over the years has been able to fully fund the NCAA maximum allowable number of athletic scholarships for student-athletes in each of its sports programs, as well as to hire excellent coaches and maintain and upgrade its facilities, staying on par with the best major collegiate programs across the nation.

This has been accomplished through revenues derived from four major sources: gate receipts from football and men's basketball; television and radio rights fees for those two sports; corporate sponsorships and donations to the Fighting Illini Scholarship Fund. The FISF contributions provide the maximum allowable number of scholarships in the 19 men's and women's sports at an average annual cost of approximately $10,000 for in-state student-athletes and about $15,000 for those from outside Illinois.

Facilities

The Division of Intercollegiate Athletics utilizes and maintains 12 facilities for competition and the administration of 19 sports. The facilities include Memorial Stadium, Assembly Hall, Huff Hall, Illinois Field, the Outdoor Track and Field and Soccer Stadium, the Armory, Atkins Tennis Center, the Intramural and Physical Education Building, Kenney Gym, the University of Illinois Orange and Blue Golf Courses, the Bielfeldt Athletic Administration Building, the Ubben Basketball Practice Facility and the Irwin Academic Center.

The $ 12.5 million indoor football practice facility, located just east of the current Irwin Football Complex and locker room was completed in the fall of 2000. Many teams use the spacious indoor facility.

In 1996, more than 100 members of the DIA staff moved into the Bielfeldt Athletic Administration Building, located on the east-west axis between the Atkins Tennis Center and the Assembly Hall. The facility houses DIA coaches, administration and staff, including the Fighting Illini Scholarship Fund, the Varsity "I" Association, accounting and personnel, athletic public relations, marketing and compliance.

A "Park of Tradition" commemorating the history of Fighting Illini athletics is planned adjacent to the Bielfeldt Building, along with the opening of the Illinois Hall of Fame. The Ubben Basketball Practice Facility opened in 1999 and features practice courts for men's and women's basketball, offices and meeting rooms, training and equipment facilities, strength and conditioning and locker rooms.

In 1992, the DIA completed an $18 million renovation project on Memorial Stadium, replacing the main and balcony stands on the east and west sides of the Stadium.

Illinois Field, the home of the 2000 Big Ten tournament champion Illini baseball squad, and the Outdoor Track Stadium have also seen construction upgrades, adding lights to both facilities and expanding the track stadium to accommodate Illinois women's soccer matches. The Outdoor Track and Soccer Stadium also includes future plans for seating for 8,000 and a permanent press box.

The Armory (left) and Huff Hall (right) are two of the 12 athletic facilities utilized by the UI Department of Incollegiate Athletics.

Year In and Year Out, the University of Illinois Fields Some of the Most Competitive Teams in the Big Ten Conference - and the Nation

Brian Cook
Big Ten
Player of the Year

BASEBALL

- Senior first baseman Andy Schutzenhofer became a four-time All-Big Ten selection after being named to the first team this season. Teammate Eric Eyman, a freshman, was named second team All-Big Ten at shortstop, while pitcher Joe Ziemba was named to the third team.
- Schutzenhofer finished his career ranked among Illinois' all-time career leaders in 11 offensive catagories including games started, consecutive starts, hits, runs, RBIs, doubles, total bases, walks, and hit by pitches.
- Illinois won the UTPA/Al Ogletree Classic in early March. Five Illini were named to the All-Tournament team, including pitcher Ted Rowe, who earned tournament MVP.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

- Illinois went 25-7 and 11-5 in the Big Ten. The Illini won the Big Ten Tournament for the first time in school history and earned a No. 4 seed in the NCAA Tournament, advancing to the second round. Illinois finished the year ranked 11th in the nation.
- The Illini went undefeated at the Assembly Hall, winning all 14 home games. The Illini senior class finished their careers 51-2 at the Hall, the best home record of any team in the nation over the last four years.
- Brian Cook was named a third-team All-American and earned Big Ten Player of the Year and Big Ten Tournament Most Outstanding Player honors. He was the first Illini player since 1990 to lead the league in scoring.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

- Illinois advanced to its seventh straight post season, including its fifth trip to the NCAA Tournament in its last seven seasons.
- Head Coach Theresa Grentz became just the eighth women's coach to win 600 games.
- Forward Cindy Dallas reached the 1,000 point plateau, becoming just the 16th player in Illinois history to reach that mark. She also became just the second player in Big Ten history to claim back-to-back rebounding titles.
- Forward Angelina Williams was named second team All-Big Ten, while Dallas earned third team All-Big Ten honors.

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

- Freshman Jason Bill and senior John Kronforst each earned All-NCAA Midwest Region honors by finishing seventh and 12th respectively at the regional meet.
- Bill's performance qualified him for the NCAA National Meet. He was the first Illini since 1996 to run at the national meet and the first UI freshman to do so since 1973.
- Bill also competed at the U.S. Cross Country Junior Championships finishing eighth.

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

- Received the All-Academic Cross Country Team With Distinction award from the NCAA after registering a cumulative team GPA of 3.55, the best in the Big Ten.
- Erin Frakes led the Illini at the NCAA Midwest Regionals finishing with a career best time of 21:45.30, the sixth-best time in school history.

In 2002-03, the Illinois men's tennis team won the school's first NCAA Team Championship since 1989. In addition, five Illinois student-athletes won individual national titles.

FOOTBALL

- Won four of its last six games to finish with a 5-7 record, 4-4 in the Big Ten, which was good enough for fifth place.
- Antoineo Harris set a single-season school rushing record with 1,330 yards.
- The offense broke the school's total offense record for the second straight year, averaging 446.3 yards per game.
- A school record five players were selected in the 2003 NFL Draft.

MEN'S GOLF

- Illinois finished second at the NCAA Central Regional Championships to advance to the NCAA National Championships where they would finish 21st overall. The Illini won four tournaments throughout the season and finished second at the Big Ten Championships.
- Head Coach Mike Small was named Midwest Region Coach of the Year.
- Sophomore James Lepp had one of the most successful seasons in Illinois history. He broke the Illinois single season stroke average record (71.41) and became only the second Illini to be named Big Ten Golfer of the Year. He was a second team All-America selection and was named first team All-Big Ten for the second straight year.
- Freshman Patrick Nagle also had a stellar season, being named a third-team All-American, first team Freshman All-American and the Big Ten Freshman of the Year.

WOMEN'S GOLF

- The Illini qualified for postseason play for the second consecutive season finishing 10th at the NCAA West Regional Championships.
- Illinois won three tournaments during the season.
- Senior Laurin Kanda captured Medalist honors at the Illini Spring Classic and set a school record and a women's course record at Stone Creek by firing a 67 in the opening round.

Men's Tennis - Undefeated NCAA Champions

MEN'S GYMNASTICS

- Finished fifth at the NCAA Championships, the team's highest finish since 1998.
- Four Illini gymnasts earned All-America honors by finishing in the top six at the NCAA Championships, the most for an Illini squad since 1996. Freshman Justin Spring was an All-American on two events, the floor exercise and parallel bars. In addi-

tion, junior Scott Wetterling took third on the high bar, sophomore Peter Shostchuk was third on the pommel horse and junior Bob Rogers was sixth on the floor exercise to earn All-America honors.
- Sophomore Ben Newman became the first Illinois Big Ten Champion since 1998 by scoring a 9.675 to win the pommel horse.

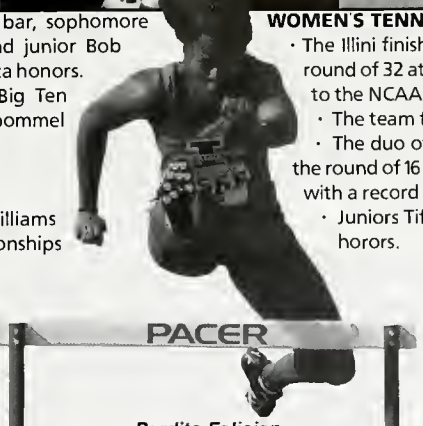
WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS
- Junior Kara Kapernekas and sophomore Ashley Williams advanced to the NCAA South Central Regional Championships in the all-around.
- Both Williams and Kapernekas were second team All-Big Ten selections.
- The team recorded the third best score in school history, 195.750, and tied the school balance beam record of 49.150 at the State of Illinois Classic.
- Three individual school records were broken or tied in 2003. Sophomore Jessica Cole tied the vault record by scoring a 9.925, Kapernekas and senior Amanda Kaufman both tied the school floor exercise mark by posting 9.9Ss, and Kapernekas also broke the all-around record by earning a score of 39.375.

SOCCER
- Came back from a 3-0 deficit to upset top-seeded and 11th ranked Penn State 4-3 in the Quarterfinals of the Big Ten Tournament
- Sophomore Tara Hurless scored 12 goals on the year to tie for the Big Ten lead during the regular season.
- Hurless and senior Meghan Kolze were both named second-team All-Big Ten and were also named third team All-Great Lakes Region by *soccerbuzz.com*. Christen Karniski was selected to the Big Ten All-Freshman Team. Sophomore Andrea Ridgeway was named to the All-Big Ten Tournament Team.
- Sophomore goalkeeper Leisha Alcia was selected to the Canadian National Team pool and suited up for Team Canada for a pair of friendly games against international competition.

SOFTBALL
- The Illini softball team had its most succesful season ever posting a record of 39-17-1 and advancing to NCAA Regional competition for the first time in the four year history of the program.
- Illinois recorded its first ever national ranking last season, moving as high as No. 21 in the USA Today/NFCA poll.
- Illinois recorded the 100th win in program history, 9-0 over St. John's.
- Sherri Taylor tossed the program's first ever perfect game.

SWIMMING & DIVING
- Junior Ilkay Dikmen qualified for her second-straight NCAA Championships, competing in both the 100 and 200-meter breaststrokes.
- Illini Divers Lisa Fish and Allison Prather each qualified for the NCAA Zone Diving Championships for the second straight season.
- Freshman sprinter Christina Brunka set a pair of school records in the 50 and 100-meter freestyles at the U.S. National Championships, earning berths in the U.S. Open in both events.

MEN'S TENNIS
- The 2003 Illinois Men's tennis team will go down as one of the top squads in the history of the sport. The Illini won the program's first ever NCAA Team Tennis Title, the school's first title in any sport since 1989, and became only the fourth tennis team ever to complete the season undefeated with a 32-0 record.
- The Illini then went on to complete the triple-crown of college tennis when Amer Delic won the NCAA singles crown and the duo of Rajeev Ram and Brian Wilson took home the NCAA doubles crown just a week after bringing the team title to Champaign. Delic, Ram and Wilson all earned All-America honors for their perfomances at the Nationals.
- Delic was also named Big Ten Male Athlete of the Year along with fellow Illini Matt Lackey.
- In addtion, the team won the ITA National Indoor Title in Feb. with a victory over Florida in the finals. Following that win, the team was ranked No. 1 in the nation for the remainer of the season.
- The Illini won their seventh consecutive regular season Big Ten title and their sixth conference tournament championship in the last seven years.



Perdita Felicien
World Champion, Three-Time NCAA Champion

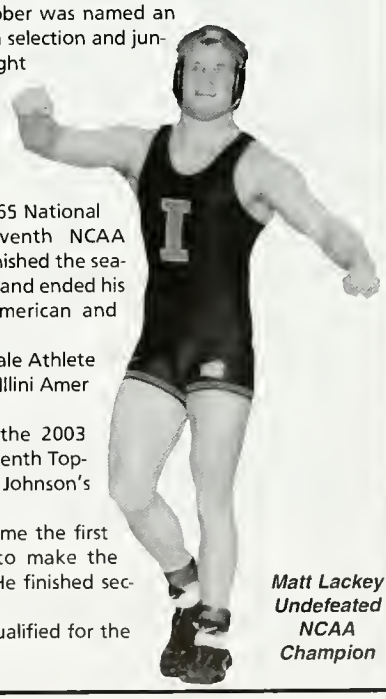
WOMEN'S TENNIS
- The Illini finished the season with a 17-8 record and advanced to the round of 32 at the NCAA Championships. It was the squads fourth trip to the NCAA tournament in the last five years.
- The team finished the year ranked No. 25 in the country.
- The duo of Michelle Webb and Jennifer McGaffigan advanced to the round of 16 at the NCAA Doubles Tournament. The tandem finished with a record of 30-8 and won the program its first ever regional title.
- Juniors Tiffany Eklov and Jennifer McGaffigan earned All-Big Ten horors.

MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD
- Head Coach Gary Wieneke completed his 28th and final season. During his tenure at Illinois, the Illini won 12 Big Ten Championships, had 152 athletes win Big Ten Titles, 145 become All-Americans and had 11 win national championships.
- Senior Charles Burton advanced to the NCAA National Meet after finishing fourth at the Mideast Regional meet with a career-best triple jump of 53' 1.75".

WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD
- Senior hurdler Perdita Felicien won her second straight NCAA Title in 100-meter hurdles at the NCAA Track and Field Championships. It was Felicien's third career NCAA title, she also won the 60-m hurdles at the 2002 Indoor Championships. In addition, the 10-time All-American anchored the 4x100-meter relay to an eighth place finish at the NCAA Championships.
- Felicien's personal best 100-meter hurdle time of 12.68, run during the semi-finals of the 2003 NCAA Championships, broke the NCAA Meet record and her own school record, and also tied the Big Ten record.
- Felicien was named the NCAA Female Track and Field Athlete of the Year for the second time, she also won the award in 2001. She was also named Big Ten Female Athlete of the Year.
- Felicien also won her fifth and sixth career Drake Relays titles with wins in the university section 100-meter hurdles and invitational section 100-meter hurdles. She was named the Drake Relays Most Outstanding Women's Performer for the third consecutive year joining Olympian Merlene Ottey as the only athletes to accomplish that feat.
- Nicole Whitman broke school and Big Ten records in the triple jump with a leap of 44' 4".

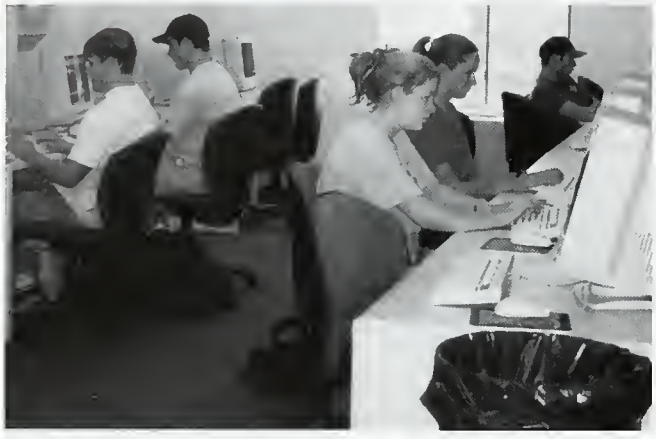
VOLLEYBALL
- Illinois posted a pair of wins over Top 15-ranked teams. The Illini defeated No. 13 Wisconsin at Huff Hall and sixth-ranked, and eventual Big Ten Champion, Minnesota in Minneapolis.
- Head Coach Don Hardin recorded his 300th career win as a collegiate head coach when UI defeated Connecticut.
- Senior outside hitter Sue Webber was named an honorable mention All-Big Ten selection and junior middle blocker Lisa Argabright earned honorable mention AVCA All-Midwest Region honors.

WRESTLING
- Senior Matt Lackey won the 165 National Title, becoming Illinois' seventh NCAA Champion in nine years. He finished the season with a perfect 38-0 record and ended his career as a three-time All-American and two-time Big Ten Champion.
- Lackey was named Big Ten Male Athlete of the Year along with fellow Illini Amer Delic.
- The team finished ninth at the 2003 NCAA Championships, the seventh Top-10 finish in head coach Mark Johnson's tenure.
- Freshman Alex Tirapelle became the first freshman in Illinois history to make the NCAA Finals as a freshman. He finished second.
- Eight of 10 Illinois wrestlers qualified for the NCAA Championships.



Matt Lackey
Undefeated NCAA Champion

The Irwin Academic Services Center features academic sercives offices, study areas, computer labs and meeting rooms for more than 600 UI student athletes.



The Irwin Academic Services Center computer lab.

The main lounge at the Irwin Academic Services Center.

The Irwin Academic Services Center, an 8,000 sqaure foot building, provides a comfortable environment for the exclusive use of student-athletes. It allows student-athletes to strive for and achieve the high academic standards of the University while also growing as individuals. It is a place where student-athletes can study individually or in group settings, meet with tutors, complete assignments, or conduct research in one of three state-of-the art computer labs.

Formerly the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity house, the building was renovated by the Division of Incolligiate Athletics and opened in the fall of 1997.

Features of the Irwin Academic Services Center:

Main Floor

- A lounge including tables, couches and chairs to provide a relaxed, comfortable atmosphere.
- A break room with access to drinks and snacks, as well as more tables for quiet study, meetings with tutors, or group work.

Lower Level

- Two classrooms specifically designed for review sessions, meetings with tutors and quiet study.
- Career services offers period seminars and workshops on academic wellness issues such as: time management, note taking, research paper writing, alcohol abuse, and nutrition.
- Career services also provides workshops on topics such as: major exploration, resume writing, and career planning.

Second Floor

- The main computer lab is equipped with all programs found in University computer labs and also has a monitored check-in station.
- The second floor is also home to the administrative and counselor offices. Academic counselors monitor academic progress, assist in degree program planning, and serve as resourses to provide campus information.

Third Floor

- Contains three computer labs, complete with three laser printers and a scanner.
- The middle computer lab has room for goups working on projects. The bulletin boards advertise upcoming CHAMPS/Life Skills events.

RON GUENTHER

DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS (Illinois '67)

In 12 years as Director of Athletics at the University of Illinois, Ron Guenther has returned his alma mater to the national elite in competing for championships in 19 intercollegiate sports with outstanding coaches, staff and facilities, including a Top-25 finish in the Sears Cup competition and an NCAA Title for the Illinois men's tennis program last season. He was named the 2001 NACDA/Continental Airlines Central Region Athletic Director of the Year.

The MVP of the 1966 Illinois football squad, Guenther continues to move the Illini athletic program on a breakneck pace toward a position of competing at a championship level in all programs.

Guenther has overseen a series of dramatic changes that have local, regional and national media, alumni and fans marveling at his abilities to add sport programs in women's soccer and softball, recruit top-level coaches, plan for and build championship facilities with more than $50 million in capital donations and create a model program producing outstanding student-athletes. Guenther has established Illinois as a rising power among NCAA institutions by:

—Bringing the Chicago Bears to central Illinois for a one-season stint at Memorial Stadium. With a partnership formed in the fall of 2001, the Bears played one full season, 10 games, in Champaign while Soldier Field underwent construction. With that partnership came funds that refurbished the Irwin football complex, including new locker and meeting rooms as well as a training room and upgrade to the coaches offices.

—Adding popular women's sports like soccer and softball as the first UI athletic programs added in two decades.

—Hiring championship-level coaches such as Head Football Coach Ron Turner who led the Illini to a Big Ten Championship in 2001, an astounding 10-2 record and a bid to the Bowl Championship Series.

—Hiring Illinois Head Basketball Coach Bruce Weber who led his previous Southern Illinois squad to back-to-back NCAA Tournament appearances. He looks to lead a squad that returns four starters from the 2003 Big Ten Tournament Champion team.

—In his 12 years as director, Guenther has also landed nationally recognized men's tennis coach Craig Tiley, who led the Illini to the school's first NCAA team title since 1989. Illinois swept the field at the national championships, taking the team, singles (Amer Delic) and doubles (Rajeev Ram/Brian Wilson) title. Tiley's squads have won seven straight regular-season Big Ten titles and trips to the NCAA Tournament. In 2000, the team of Graydon Oliver and Cary Franklin won the NCAA doubles title.

—Guenther also extended the contract of nationally prominent wrestling coach Mark Johnson who has engineered Top-10 finishes for the program seven times in his 11-year career, including a fifth-place finish at the NCAA Championships and a second-place finish at the Big Ten Championships in 2001. The Illini have crowned seven national champions since 1995 and five in the last six years.

—Guenther has also hired former Illini and member of the 1998 Big Ten Championship golf squad, Mike Small, who, in his first two seasons, led the team to the NCAA Championships. The Illini have taken second in the Big Ten in both 2002 and 2003 and All-American James Lepp was named the Big Ten Golfer of the Year last season.

—The Illinois track and field programs have also excelled at both the NCAA and international level. Senior hurdler Perdita Felicien won three national titles in two years. In 2002, Illinois placed 10th at the NCAA Championships and Felicien was named the 2001 and 2003 National Female Track Athlete of the Year, following her All-American performances in the 100-meter hurdles.

—The Illinois men's gymnastics program under head coach Yoshi Hayasaki is year in and year out ranked among the Top-10 in the nation. This year was no exception with the team placing fifth at the 2003 NCAA Championships and crowning four All-Americans.

—Signing an exclusive $7.5 million agreement with Nike as one of only 13 Nike institutions in the United States.

—Christening new facilities like the Ubben Basketball Practice Facility, Irwin Indoor Football Facility and the Bielfeldt Athletic Administration Building.

—Overseeing the construction and opening of the $2.1 million Irwin Academic Center, providing 600 student-athletes with a state-of-the-art, convenient academic center to reach their full potential as students.

Under Guenther's leadership, Illinois has steadily improved its performance on the field and in the classroom. Off the field, Illinois student-athletes have continued to benefit from outstanding academic service programs, matching the overall campus grade point average and producing nearly 100 Academic All-Big Ten award winners annually in all sports. Guenther also has spearheaded a revolution for funding for championship-level programs and facilities as the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics has opened necessary additional revenue streams totaling more than $3 million through working partnerships with corporate sponsors and management of the Illini Sports Radio Network.

Guenther's aggressive plan to make the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics a valuable and enthusiastic partner in the overall education, research and service mission of the University has begun to pay dividends in the 21st century.

Now in his fourth decade with the University of Illinois, Guenther was the Most Valuable Player on the 1966 Illinois football squad under Head Coach Pete Elliott. Guenther was a second-team All-Big Ten selection at offensive guard, also earning first-team Academic All-Big Ten honors and recognition as the University's outstanding senior in physical education. Guenther earned his bachelor of science degree in physical education from Illinois in 1967 and an M.S. in administration in 1968 before embarking on a successful career in coaching, athletic administration and business.

Guenther was named the 17th Director of Athletics in 1992 after serving for two years with the University of Illinois Foundation as Director of Major Gifts and for three years as a partner with The Barofsky Association, a Chicago-area investments and marketing firm. From June of 1988 to March of 1989, Guenther served as Interim Director of Athletics for External Operations, administering the development program, public relations, promotions, tickets, merchandise and summer camps.

Guenther spent the previous three years within the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics as associate athletic director for development, coordinating the "Campaign for Excellence in Athletics." That campaign began the first major facelift of athletic facilities in nearly 60 years on campus and provided the impetus for the eventual construction of Illinois Field for baseball, the UI Outdoor Track and Field and Soccer Stadium, the Atkins Tennis Center and the Irwin Football Complex, housing coaches offices, locker rooms, sports medicine, strength and conditioning facilities and meeting rooms for Illinois football.

One of the nation's top athletic fund raisers, Guenther has been instrumental in soliciting gift commitments totaling more than $50 million toward capital improvements at Illinois during the last 15 years.

Firmly committed to delivering the Illinois message across the state and Midwest, Guenther served from 1983 to 1987 as assistant athletic director for Chicago operations, renewing a commitment that continues today to reach out to the thousands of Chicago-area alumni, donors and fans. During his tenure in Chicago, Guenther created the annual statewide caravan for promotion and public relations and saw a tripling in the number of donors to Illinois athletics.

Guenther spent eight years at North Central College in Naperville, Ill., including a stint from 1975-79 as director of admissions and also as an associate head football coach. From 1979-83, he served as the vice president of development and public affairs at North Central, helping to design and implement a $15 million Capital Campaign. As associate head football coach, Guenther helped the Cardinals amass a 23-12-2 record, including the school's first winning season in 15 years.

Before moving to North Central College, Guenther was offensive line coach at Boston College from 1971-74, helping to develop nine National Football League players. From 1968-71, Guenther was a teacher and coached football, wrestling and track and field for the Evanston Township and Glenbard High School systems in suburban Chicago.

Born Oct. 3, 1945, Guenther is a native of Elmhurst and a graduate of York High School. He lettered at Illinois in 1965 and 1966, helping Illinois to a 24-14-1 record in his four seasons. Guenther earned MVP honors on a squad that produced five All-Americans in 1966.

JAMES J. STUKEL
PRESIDENT
(Purdue '59)

James J. Stukel is in his ninth year as president of the three-campus University of Illinois, a great public institution enrolling some 70,000 students at Chicago, Springfield and the original campus, Urbana-Champaign.

When the Board of Trustees selected him as the University's 15th chief executive officer in 1995, Jim Stukel set out to reconnect the people and communities of Illinois to their largest, strongest and best-known center of higher education. This vision - to strengthen the U of I's ties to the state - soon led to an ongoing series of community visits. More than 200,000 road miles later, Stukel has taken the University's story and offers of help to Illinois towns, cities and suburbs; to its community colleges; to its alumni clubs and gatherings; to mayors, council members and county boards; to legislators in their home districts; to media in their editorial board rooms and studios. This community-visit program, quite apart from other alumni, donor and legislative appearances and efforts, has taken the president on the road more than 40 times for a day or two each visit - and has reached thousands of Illinoisans face-to-face.

Stukel's citizen outreach is one of four major pillars of his presidency. The others are to protect and enrich undergraduate education; to enhance quality at all levels and in all aspects; and, finally, to streamline business operations to save money and reduce bureaucracy. An example of the last is a large-scale conversion from 150 separate computer systems on the three campuses to a single, integrated system that ties together human resources, business and finance and student systems. The first elements of the UI Integrate project were up and running as of summer 2003 with the rest expected to be fully operational in 2005. Stukel believes up-to-date business systems and processes will save money and produce efficiency.

President Stukel's commitment to the University is personal and of long-standing. A native of Joliet and Purdue graduate, Jim Stukel earned his master's degree in engineering in 1963 and Ph.D. in 1968, both from the College of Engineering at the Urbana-Champaign campus. After nearly 20 years on the engineering faculty at Urbana, including being director of the Engineering Experiment Station, he moved to the Chicago campus as executive vice chancellor and, from 1991-95, was UIC chancellor.

He has served important roles with national higher education organizations; his term as chair of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges draws to a close in fall 2003.

Dr. Stukel and his wife, Joan, have three grown sons and a daughter and six grandchildren.

NANCY CANTOR
CHANCELLOR
(Sarah Lawrence '74)

Nancy Cantor, a sports fan and Chancellor of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, grew up in New York, graduated from Sarah Lawrence College, and received her Ph.D. in social psychology from Stanford University in 1978. Her scholarly work, in three books and numerous book chapters and articles, has focused on personality, cognition, life tasks, and relationships. She is married to Steven Brechin, an environmental sociologist, and is the mother of their two teen-agers, a son and a daughter.

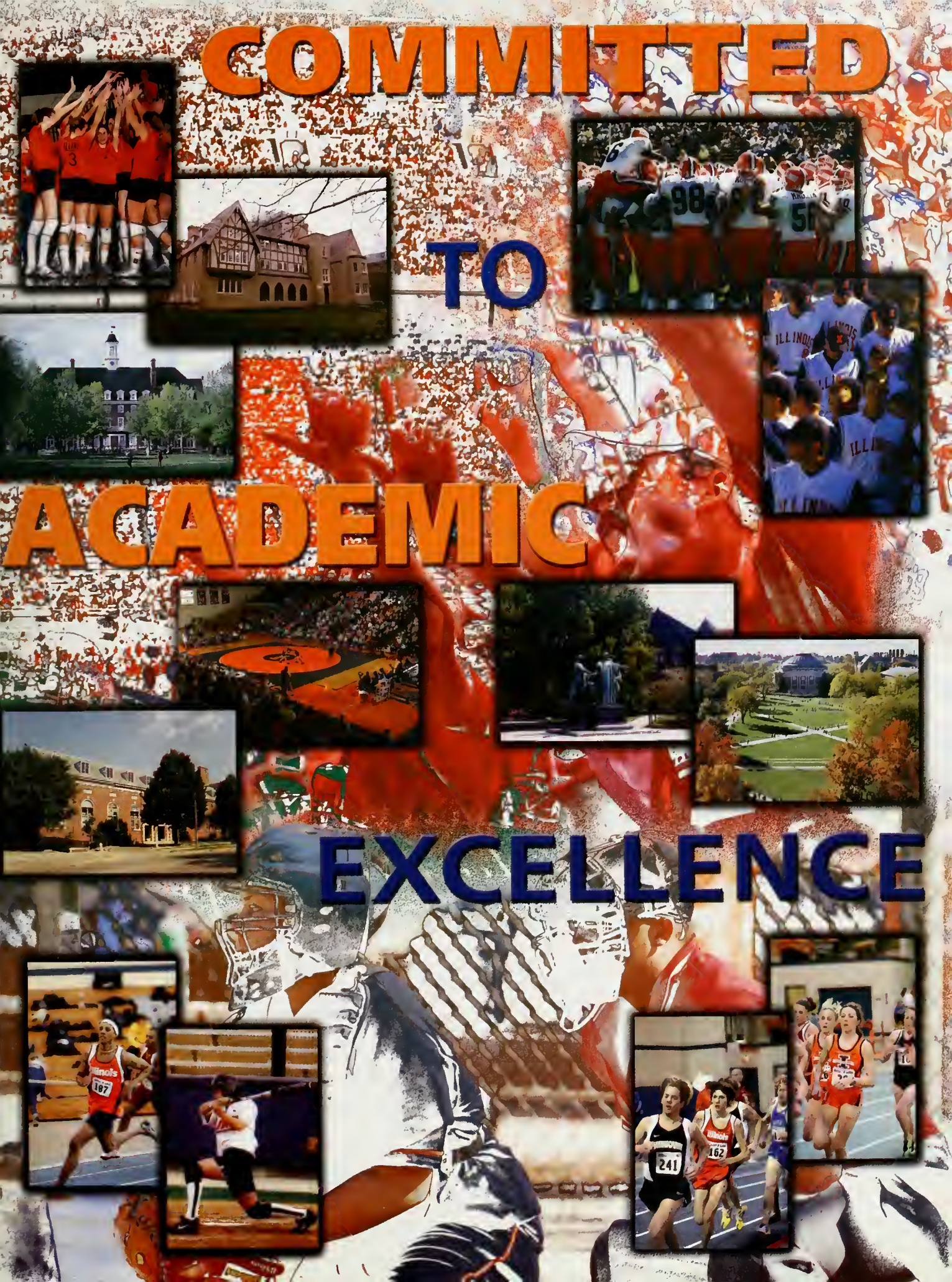
Chancellor Cantor chaired the psychology department at Princeton University and came to this campus three years ago from the University of Michigan, where she was the Provost, in charge of academic affairs. She has become nationally known for her advocacy of racial and ethnic diversity as an essential element of excellence in education.

Under Dr. Cantor's leadership, this campus has provided seed money for 10 multidisciplinary Cross-Campus Initiatives to study critical societal questions. These range from the issues of aging to food security, from globalization to research in repairing the human nervous system. Two Initiatives will focus on the revolution now underway in bio-technology.

Within sight of the Morrow Plots, the oldest continuous experimental agricultural plots in the nation, a new, state-financed Institute for Genomic Biology is going up to sustain and advance Illinois as a research leader in genome based biology.

A few blocks away, the privately-financed Doris Kelley Christopher Hall, also under construction, will house a new Cross-Campus Initiative to Promote Family Resiliency, in which researchers, students, families, and social agencies will collaborate to study how it is that some families are able to raise successful children even when confronted with extreme difficulties.

The Initiatives include Exploring the Human Experience, which this year, beginning in the fall, is commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Supreme Court's landmark Brown v Board of Education decision. They are all part of an effort on this campus to put our best faculty and our students in fresh combinations to the benefit of all.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2003 Illinois Men's Cross Country Schedule

Aug. 30	Purdue Open	W. Lafayette, IN	10 a.m.
Sept. 6	Missouri Cross Country Challenge	Columbia, MO	9 a.m.
Sept. 26	Great American Cross Country Festival	Cary, NC	2:45 p.m.
Oct. 4	Cowboy Jamboree/NCAA Pre-Regional	Stillwater, OK	10 a.m.
Oct. 18	**ILLINI CHALLENGE**	**Urbana, IL**	**9:45 a.m.**
Nov. 2	Big Ten Championships	East Lansing, MI	10 a.m.
Nov. 15	NCAA District V Regionals	Stillwater, OK	10:45 a.m.
Nov. 24	NCAA Championships	Cedar Falls, IA	10 a.m.

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- *Schedule subject to change.*
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